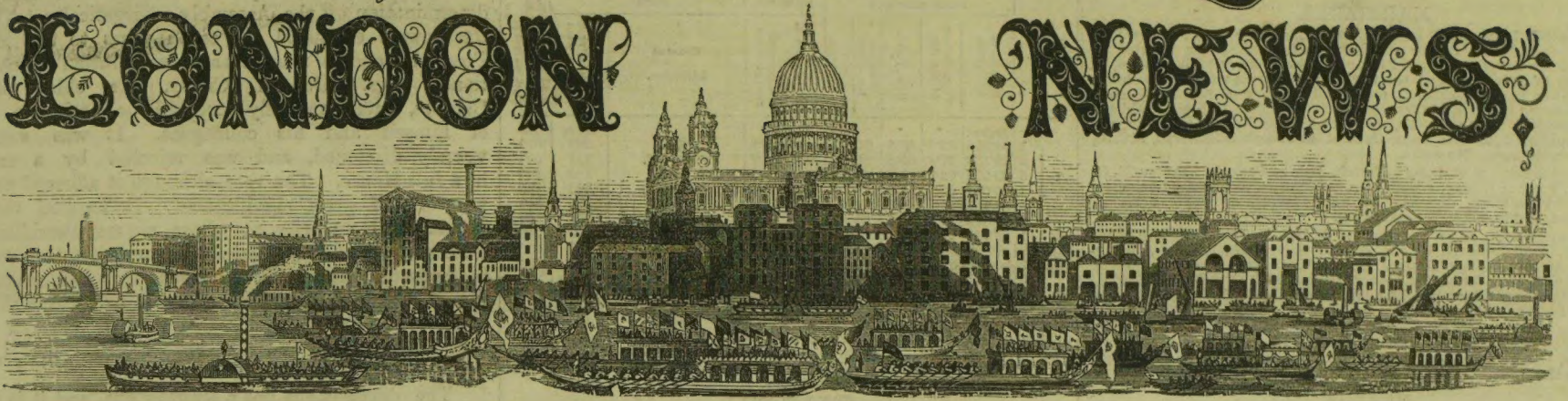


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THE WAR IN SPAIN: DEATH OF MARSHAL CONCHA.
FROM A SKETCH BY M. LINARES, AN OFFICER OF THE REPUBLICAN ARMY.

BIRTHS.

On the 14th inst., at Cliveden, the Duchess of Westminster, of a son.
On the 12th inst., at Chesham-street, the Hon. Mrs. A. Douglas Pennant, of a daughter.
On the 28th ult., at Montreal, Canada, the wife of Thomas Stead, Esq., of a son.

MARRIAGES.

On the 8th inst., at St. Luke's, South Lyncombe, Bath, by the Rev. Arthur Thorold Wood, Rector of Wimborne, Nottingham, assisted by the Rev. John Norgrove Baker, Rector of How Caple and Sollershope, in the county of Hereford, and the Rev. Beville Paynter, Curate in Charge of Brompton Ralph, Somerset, uncle and brother of the bridegroom, Francis Edward Paynter, of Clarence House, Penzance, to Ellen Kathleen, second daughter of the late Major-General Henry Dunn O'Halloran, and granddaughter of the late Major-General Sir Joseph O'Halloran, G.C.B., of the Bengal Army. No cards.

On the 9th inst., at St. Peter's Church, Belsize Park, by the Rev. E. G. Peckover, Vicar of Horley, Surrey, James Wharton, of Buckland-crescent, Belsize Park, to Clara, daughter of John Maple, of Bedford Lodge, Hampstead, and Petridge Wood, Horley.

On the 13th inst., at St. Peter's Church, Dublin, by the Rev. Richard Hemphill, A.M., assisted by the Rev. J. S. MacSorley, A.M., Major-General Adam Cuppage, Retired List H.M. Madras Army, of Gowrie, Kingstown, to Mary Ernestine Alexandra, daughter of Edmund Lenthal Swift, Esq., barrister-at-law, and late Keeper of H.M.'s Regalia in the Tower of London. No cards.

On the 8th inst., at the parish church, Winlaton, by the Rev. J. W. Neil, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, J. N. Fleming, M.D., only son of J. Fleming, Papcastle, Cumberland, to Laura, eldest daughter of J. C. Eno, Beta Lodge, in the county of Durham.

DEATHS.

On the 27th ult., Annie Alice, fourth daughter of Henry H. Henson, of Rutland Lodge, Watford, aged 25 years. Friends, please accept this intimation.

On the 6th inst., at the residence of his brother-in-law, J. E. T. Parratt, Esq., Old Charlton, S.E., the Rev. John Moss Webb, Rector of Wold-Newton, Lincolnshire, eldest son of the late Sir John Webb, of Woolwich, Kent, aged 59 years.

On the 14th inst., at his residence, The Rosery, Medmenham, Bucks, Mr. Henry William Caslon, of the Caslon Letter Foundry, London.

On the 10th inst., at the North-Western Hotel, Liverpool, Jane, elder daughter of Thomas Caverhill, Esq., Montreal, aged 18 years.

On the 15th inst., at 16, Hyde Park-terrace, Millicent, infant daughter of F. G. Dalgety, Esq., aged 13 days.

On the 12th inst., at Barton House, Warwickshire, from abscess of the liver, contracted in China, Robert Wilberforce Meritts Bird, barrister-at-law, eldest son of Major Robert Wilberforce Bird, aged 29 years.

* * The charge for the insertion of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is Five Shillings for each announcement.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 25.

SUNDAY, JULY 19.
Seventh Sunday after Trinity.
Princess Augusta of Cambridge, Grand Duchess of Mecklenburg, born, 1822.
St. Paul's Cathedral, 10.30 a.m., the Rev. Prebendary J. E. Kempe, Rector of St. James's, Piccadilly; 3.15 p.m., the Rev. Canon Gregory; 7 p.m., the Rev. T. Salway, Secretary to the London Diocesan Home Mission.
Westminster Abbey, 10 a.m., the Lord Bishop of Ely; 3 p.m., the Rev. J. Troutbeck, Minor Canon; 7 p.m., the Lord Bishop of Exeter.
St. James's, noon, uncertain, probably the Hon. and Rev. Canon Courtenay.
Whitehall, 11 a.m., the Rev. Canon Berry; 3 p.m., the Rev. Francis Garden, Sub-Dean of the Chapels Royal.
Savoy, 11.30 a.m., the Rev. Henry White, Chaplain in Ordinary to the Queen; 7 p.m., uncertain.
Temple Church, 11 a.m., probably the Rev. Dr. Vaughan, Master of the Temple; 3 p.m., the Rev. Alfred Ainger, Reader at the Temple.
French Anglican Church of St. John ("La Savoy"), Bloomsbury-street, services in French, 11 a.m. and 3.30 p.m., by the Rev. F. B. W. Bouverie, Incumbent.
MONDAY, JULY 20.
Windermere Castle, state apartments reopened.
Royal Naval Benevolent Society, quarterly meeting, Willis's rooms, noon.
Sheffield Agricultural Show (two days).
Ipswich Regatta.
Royal Alfred Yachting Club, matches (two days).
Geologists' Association, midsummer excursion to the Cotswold Hills and the Severn Valley, headquarters, Cheltenham (six days).
TUESDAY, JULY 21.
Moon's first quarter, 1.32 p.m.
Huntingdon Races.
Royal Humane Society, 4 p.m.
Reedham Asylum for Fatherless Children, annual meeting, London Tavern.
WEDNESDAY, JULY 22.
Gaelic Society, 7.30 p.m. (Mr. R. G. Tolmie on Ancient Highland Religion and Customs).
Chesham Races (two days).
Royal Archaeological Institute, annual meeting at Ripon; president, the Marquis of Ripon (reception in the Townhall, 1 p.m.).
Working Men's Club and Institute Union, anniversary at the Society of Arts, 3 p.m. (the Dean of Westminster in the chair); annual conference of delegates, 8 p.m.
THURSDAY, JULY 23.
Staines Regatta.
Royal Toxophilite Society, meeting.
East Lancashire Agricultural Society, annual show, at Blackburn.
Royal Archaeological Institute at Ripon, meeting, 9 a.m., excursion to Richmond, &c., evening reception by the Marchioness of Ripon at Studley Royal.
Corinthian Yacht Club, special match.
FRIDAY, JULY 24.
Royal Archaeological Institute at Ripon, meeting of sections, 10 a.m.
Royal Thames Yacht Club, schooners (Channell match, from Ryde to Cherbourg and back).
Quekett Microscopical Club, anniversary, 8 p.m.
SATURDAY, JULY 25.
St. James the Elder, Apostle.
The Duchess of Cambridge born, 1797.
Royal Archaeological Institute at Ripon (excursion to Bolton Castle, &c.).
Royal Botanic Society, 3.45 p.m.
Royal Horticultural Society, promenade, 4 p.m.
Northern Branch Royal Canoe Regatta.
Prince of Wales's Yacht Club (Gravesend to Margate).

CRYSTAL PALACE CALENDAR for the WEEK ending JULY 25.

MONDAY, JULY 20.—Great Combined Entertainment. Opera Concert, supported by Madame Adeline Patti and Mlle. Albani, Mlle. Marimon and Madame Vilda; Signors Marini, Favani, Cotogoli, and Bagaglio, and other Artists of the Royal Italian Opera. Covent Garden—Garden Fête and Lawn Promenade—Display of whole system of Fountains—Feast of Lanterns—Military Bands—and great special Firework Display by Messrs. G. T. Brock and Co.
TUESDAY, JULY 21.—Great Annual Fête of the National Temperance League—Concert of 5000 voices—Meetings in Palace and Grounds—Concert by Welsh Choral Union—Aquatic and Athletic Sports—Performances by Mountaineers of the Apennines on the novel Instrument the Ocarina—Grand Fountains—Hand-Bell Ringers, &c.
WEDNESDAY, JULY 22.—Ordinary Attractions—Ocarina Performance.
THURSDAY, JULY 23.—Production of Meyerbeer's Opera, "Dinorah." Messrs. Cotte and W. Carleton; Miss Blanche Cole—Ocarina Performance.
FRIDAY, JULY 24.—Ordinary Attractions—Ocarina Performance.
SATURDAY, JULY 25.—Last Summer Concerts—English, Scotch, Irish, and Welsh Ballads. Mr. Sims Reeves and other Artists.
Monday, Five Shillings; Half a Crown after Seven p.m.; Season Ticket holders Half a Crown. Tuesday to Friday, One Shilling, or by Guinea Season Ticket. Saturday, Half a Crown, or by Guinea Season Ticket.

ST. JAMES'S HALL, Piccadilly.—The MOORE and BURGESS MINSTRELS, EVERY NIGHT at EIGHT, MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, and SATURDAYS, THREE and EIGHT, ALL THE YEAR ROUND. The longest established and the most popular Entertainment in the world, having been given at the St. James's Hall, in one continuous and unbroken season, for NINE CONSECUTIVE YEARS. Private Boxes, the most elegant and luxurious in London, 21 11s. 6d. and 22 12s. 6d.; Fautouls, 5s.; Sofa Stalls, 3s.; Area, 1s. 6d.; Gallery, 1s. Doors open for the day performance at 2.30; for the evening at 7.30. Tickets and places may be secured at all the Principal West End Music Warehouses, and at the Hall daily from Nine till Seven. No Fees. Ladies can retain their bonnets in all parts of the auditorium.

AGRICULTURAL HALL.—Successful Opening of HAMILTON'S DIORAMIC EXCURSION ACROSS the ATLANTIC and a Grand Tour through AMERICA, with Vocal and Musical Illustrations. Every Evening at Eight: Wednesdays and Saturdays at Three. Prices—3s., 2s., 1s., and 6d.

THEATRE ROYAL, HAYMARKET.—The attraction of "The Overland Route" still continuing, that Comedy cannot be withdrawn for the present. EVERY EVENING this and all Next Week THE OVERLAND ROUTE, with Mr. Buckstone in his original character of Mr. Lovibond. Stage Manager, Mr. Coe.

NATIONAL STANDARD THEATRE, Bishopsgate.—"Castle" Company, Last Six Nights. MONDAY, JULY 20, and during the Week, will be represented, on alternate Evenings, the celebrated Prince of Wales's Theatre Comedies, by T. W. Robertson, SCHOOL, CASTLE, and OURS—Doors open at 7.30. Commence at Eight. Box-Office open from Eleven till Four. No charge for booking.

THE WEATHER.

RESULTS OF METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS AT THE NEW OBSERVATORY OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY.

Lat. 51° 28' 6" N.; Long. 0° 18' 47" W.; Height above Sea, 34 feet.

DAY.	DAILY MEANS OF					THERMOM.		WIND.		General Direction.	Movement in 24 hours, read at 10 a.m. next morning.	Rain in 24 hours, read at 10 a.m. next morning.
	Barometer Corrected.	Temperature of the Air.	Dew Point.	Relative Humidity.	Amount of Cloud.	Minimum, read at 10 a.m.	Maximum, read at 10 p.m.					
July 1	30.010	59.5	56.3	90.8	50.5	68.3		SW.			220	.010
2	29.838	67.4	60.5	80.6	52.7	81.7		WSW. SW.			351	.000
3	29.999	62.9	61.0	97.6	6.58.5	70.7		SW.			452	.000
4	30.059	60.5	50.9	72.6	56.1	68.3		SW. WSW.			283	.080
5	30.199	60.0	45.6	61.1	51.1	70.8		SW. W.			105	.000
6	30.222	60.0	44.7	55.7	48.3	70.3		W. NE. E.			154	.000
7	30.080	62.3	47.8	61.4	49.3	75.3		E. ESE.			160	.000
8	30.069	65.4	54.4	99.4	49.6	81.9		ESE. SSW.			109	.000
9	30.079	69.9	54.9	61.1	53.4	87.6		SSW.			117	.000
10	30.043	72.4	59.6	66.6	63.6	85.7		S. WSW.			120	.000
11	29.941	70.0	64.0	90.9	64.8	78.0		N. NWN. ENE.			105	.195
12	30.003	66.8	52.3	82.0	60.0	79.1		NNE. W. SW.			153	.000
13	30.081	66.8	57.7	75.6	59.1	78.3		SW.			190	.000
14	29.993	69.3	57.0	60.3	58.6	82.9		SW. W.			141	.000

The following are the readings of the meteorological instruments for the above days, in order, at ten a.m.:

JULY 1 TO JULY 7.											
Barometer (in inches) corrected	..	30.016	29.843	29.987	30.045	30.185	30.263	30.129			
Temperature of Air .. ..	..	60.3	73.2	65.4	64.9	62.6	64.0	68.9			
Temperature of Evaporation ..	..	59.4	67.3	57.7	56.4	54.1	53.4	56.9			
Direction of Wind .. ..	..	SW.	SSW.	SW.	SW.	W.	ESE.	ESE.			
JULY 8 TO JULY 14.											
Barometer (in inches) corrected	..	30.063	30.105	29.975	29.997	30.105	30.023				
Temperature of Air .. ..	..	69.6	73.7	72.2	67.5	68.0	70.3				
Temperature of Evaporation ..	..	61.4	62.5	65.7	59.9	62.2	63.7				
Direction of Wind .. ..	..	ESE.	SSW.	SSW.	SSW.	SW.	W.				

TIMES OF HIGH WATER AT LONDON BRIDGE FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 25.

Sunday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.	Saturday.
h m	h m	h m	h m	h m	h m	h m
5 30	5 45	6 5 25	6 43 7 3	7 24 7 43	8 13 8 40	9 14 9 50

HER MAJESTY'S OPERA, DRURY-LANE.

THIS EVENING, SATURDAY, JULY 18, IL TALISMANO (for the ninth and last time this season), with entirely new scenery, dresses, decorations, and appointments. Music by M. W. Balfe. The Libretto by Mr. A. Matthiessen. Sir Kenneth, Signor Camparini; Richard Cœur de Lion, Signor Rota; Nectaneus, Signor Catalani; L'Emiro, Signor Camarobello; Il Re di Francia, Signor Costa; Il Duca d'Austria, Signor Casaboni; Il Baron de Vaux, Signor Rinaldini; Berengaria, Mlle. Marie Roze; and Edith Plantagenet, Madame Christine Nilsson.

Benefit of Mr. Mapleson.
Titiens—Singelli—Christine Nilsson—Grand Extra Night.
MONDAY, JULY 20, Mozart's Opera, IL DON GIOVANNI, with the following grand combination of talent: Donna Elvira, Madame Christine Nilsson; Don Ottavio, Signor Giliand; Don Giovanni, Signor de Reschi; Leporello, Herr Behrens; Masetto, Signor Zoboli; Il Commendatore, Signor Perkins; Zerlina, Mlle. Louise Singelli; and Donna Anna, Mlle. Titiens. The minut will be danced by Mlle. Blanche Riccio, Mlle. Godda, and the Corps de Ballet. During the evening will be sung the National Anthem.
Director of the Music and Conductor, Sir MICHAEL COSTA.
Doors open at 8; the Opera to commence at 8.30.
Dress Circle, 10s. 6d.; Amphitheatre Stalls, 7s. and 5s.; Amphitheatre, 2s. Tickets may be obtained of Mr. Bailey, at the Box-Office, under the Portico of the Theatre, which is open daily from Ten to Five.

MR. MAPLESON has the honour to announce that his BENEFIT will take place on MONDAY NEXT, JULY 20, on which occasion Mozart's Opera, DON GIOVANNI, will be performed for the first time these six years, with the following cast: Donna Elvira, Madame Christine Nilsson; Don Ottavio, Signor Giliand; Don Giovanni, Signor de Reschi; Leporello, Herr Behrens; Masetto, Signor Zoboli; Il Commendatore, Signor Perkins; Zerlina, Mlle. Louise Singelli; and Donna Anna, Mlle. Titiens. Tickets now ready, and may be obtained of Mr. Bailey, at the Box Office of Her Majesty's Opera, Drury-lane.

DORÉ'S NEW PICTURE, THE DREAM OF PILATE'S WIFE. This Original Conception is now ON VIEW in the New Room added to the DORE GALLERY, 35, New Bond-street. Admission, 1s. Ten to Six.

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INSTITUTE OF PAINTERS IN WATER COLOURS. I WILL CLOSE, on the 25th inst., FORTIETH ANNUAL EXHIBITION. Open from Nine till Dark. Admission, 1s. Gallery, 53, Pall-mall, S.W. H. F. PHILLIPS, Secretary.

THE SOCIETY OF PAINTERS IN WATER COLOURS. THE EIGHTY-SECOND EXHIBITION will CLOSE on SATURDAY NEXT, JULY 25. 5, Pall-mall East. From Nine till Seven. Admission, 1s. ALFRED D. FRIPP, Secretary.

BLACK AND WHITE EXHIBITION, DUDLEY GALLERY, EGYPTIAN HALL, Piccadilly, consisting of Drawings, Etchings, Engravings, &c., OPEN DAILY, from Ten till Six. Admission, 1s. Catalogue, 6d. R. F. McNAIR, Secretary.

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THE ILLUSTRATED SPORTING AND DRAMATIC NEWS, JULY 18, will contain Portrait and Biography of Mr. John Hare, of the Prince of Wales's Theatre—the great scene in "Led Astray" at the Gaiety—the Sailing-Barge Match on the Thames—Portrait of "Balfe" and of "Camballo"—Indian, American, and German Sketches of Hunting Life—the "Boston" Team of Base-Ball Players—the Sailing-Canoe Match at Teddington—Portrait of "Sultan," one of the fathers of the English Stud—Trotting Match in America—Chamois Hunting, &c.
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LONDON, SATURDAY, JULY 18, 1874.

Marshal MacMahon has at length communicated to the Assembly at Versailles his own view of the powers with which he has been invested. It will be admitted that he did so under provocation, nor can we wholly disconnect this Message from the manifesto of the Comte de Chambord, issued but a few days before. The *Union* newspaper, the special organ of the representative of the Bourbons, was speedily suspended for fifteen days for inserting the Comte's address. The Legitimists took offence at this exercise of repressive authority against themselves. The severity which they had encouraged when the organs of Republicanism were concerned was regarded in quite another light when it came home to their own party. A motion censuring the Ministry for its action against the *Union* was proposed in the Assembly, and was rejected by a large majority. One might have imagined that this would have satisfied Marshal MacMahon's Cabinet. It absolved them from blame. It virtually condemned the Comte de Chambord's

manifesto. It left matters as they then stood, under the sanction of an overwhelming majority of the Assembly. M. Paris, however, professedly in the interests of the Government, though himself a Bonapartist, moved an order of the day the object of which was to express the determination of the Assembly energetically to uphold the powers entrusted for seven years to the Marshal President, and to reserve the consideration of constitutional laws. General Cissey, the chief of the Cabinet, most unwisely accepted the motion on behalf of himself and his colleagues. It was somewhat warmly discussed, and was rejected by a majority in a full House. The vote, although it affirmed nothing, was one of great significance. It implied that the Monarchical majority, at whose request President MacMahon accepted office and agreed to the Septennate, were indisposed to ratify the agreement they had made with him if it should suit their purpose to abridge the term of his authority. The Marshal evidently looked at the vote in this light, and the next day his Message was read to the Assembly.

The document is not a lengthy one, and it is tersely and forcibly expressed. It reminds the Assembly that its confidence had placed him, in November last, in a relation of important responsibility to France, which he was not at liberty to evade or annul, and that, in doing so, it had put fetters upon its own sovereignty. Its act, in this instance, was irrevocable. Its will with respect to the duration of his powers had been once for all expressed. Under these circumstances, he intended to use those powers to the last for the good of France. That might be looked upon as a matter lifted entirely out of the range of political controversy. The Assembly had given him supreme authority, but had not yet organised the machinery by which it should exert itself. He besought it to betake itself to this task, and thereby save France from the inconveniences and dangers incident to her present unsettled position. Meanwhile, through the agency of his Minister, he would make known to the Committee on Constitutional Laws the points upon which he deemed it essential to insist.

The foregoing is a free, but we think a faithful, rendering of the purport of the President's Message. The words are, for the most part, ours; the spirit with which they are instinct is his. It is the spirit of a military dictator, but of a dictator raised to his position, not by usurpation, but by the legal voice of a majority of the Assembly. It would, perhaps, be unjust to ascribe the peremptoriness of Marshal MacMahon's language to the promptings of his personal ambition. He did not seek his office. He did not make his own political position. It was done for him by the Duc de Broglie, with the consent of that majority by which M. Thiers was driven from the Presidency. The object of the majority, however—never distinctly expressed in words—was negative rather than positive: to keep out a Republican form of government rather than to preclude the elevation of a Sovereign to the throne whenever terms could be made with him. It was a door closed for seven years against Revolution and Democracy, but always ajar for the entrance of a Legitimate King. Whether the Marshal understood the vote of Nov. 20 in that sense is open to question. At any rate, such terms were not imposed upon him. He was made master of the situation for a specified period, and he intends to remain so. Again and again the majority of the Assembly have exposed their weakness, the inconsistency of their ideas, and the incoherence of their plans. The Marshal, however, declines to be their puppet. What they gave him he means to keep throughout the entire term for which they gave it him.

The political situation is an odd one, and, we think we may add, was unexpected by all parties. It is due, however, to the angry wrong-headedness of the leaders of the Monarchical party, and to that short-sightedness which is always associated with ungovernable passion. The engineer is hoist with his own petard. The instrument which was fashioned for slaying the Republic is found to be equally adapted to wound the party of Royalists. It is hardly to be wondered at that the partisans of the Empire affect to approve of the maintenance of the Septennate. They require time for the development of their plans. They see an advantage in having the ground kept clear until they are quite ready for action. The chances now lie between them and the Republicans. For the present, at least, neither Bourbon nor Orleanist has a prospect of success. Nor does waiting promise to better their position. It is otherwise with the Imperialists. They are comparatively few, but they have been officially trained. Virtually, they may be reckoned as the practical politicians of France. Among the Republicans there are able theorists; but, with a few exceptions, they have never had in their hands the actual management of public affairs. Imperialism requires a lapse of time that France may forget the disasters it has more than once brought upon her. The Septennate, consequently, so far falls in with its wishes. Possibly Marshal MacMahon, consciously or unconsciously, has felt the influence of this fact. As a successful soldier of the Second Empire, it is not impossible that, by simply retaining his Presidency in the face of all cavil, he may prepare the way, without any active intervention of his own, for the restoration of that form of government which it is reasonable to suppose he would prefer.

THE COURT.

The Queen's dinner-party at Windsor Castle on Thursday week included the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Imperial Crown Prince and Crown Princess of Germany, Prince and Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, Princess Beatrice, Prince Leopold, Princess Amelia of Schleswig-Holstein, and the Marquis of Lorne. Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne) was suffering from slight indisposition which confined her to her room. The Prince and Princess of Wales and Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne) and the Marquis of Lorne left the castle the following day for London. The Imperial Crown Prince and Crown Princess of Germany partook of luncheon with Prince and Princess Christian at Cumberland Lodge, and afterwards left for Marlborough House. The Countess of Mayo dined with her Majesty.

On Saturday last the Queen inspected the works now approaching completion in the Albert Memorial Chapel. Mrs. Lee Child, daughter of the late Baron Triqueti, had an interview with her Majesty, who accepted a series of photographs, executed by the Misses Davison, from the marbles and mosaics in the chapel.

On Sunday the Queen and Princess Beatrice attended Divine service in the private chapel of the castle. The Rev. Francis Pigou, M.A., Vicar of Doncaster, officiated. The Right Hon. R. A. Cross, Secretary of State for the Home Department, the Hon. and Very Rev. the Dean of Windsor and the Hon. Mrs. Wellesley, and the Very Rev. Principal Tulloch, of St. Andrew's, dined with her Majesty, and on the following day the Queen's dinner party included Prince and Princess Christian, Princess Beatrice, Prince Leopold, Princess Amelia of Schleswig-Holstein, the Duchess of Roxburghe, the Earl of Dunmore, and Major-General H. Ponsonby.

The Queen, accompanied by Princess Beatrice and Prince Leopold, left the castle on Tuesday for Osborne House, arriving there at half-past one o'clock. Prince Leopold, who is still suffering from indisposition, was carried by his attendants to and from the carriages.

The Duchess of Roxburghe has succeeded the Countess of Erroll as Lady in Waiting to her Majesty.

THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES.

The Prince and Princess of Wales met the Crown Prince and Crown Princess of Germany upon their arrival at the Paddington station, yesterday week, from Windsor, and accompanied them to Marlborough House. The Crown Prince of Germany afterwards paid visits to the Duke of Cambridge and the Duke and Duchess of Teck, and in the evening accompanied the Prince of Wales to Her Majesty's Opera. Subsequently the Prince and Princess and the Crown Prince and Crown Princess of Germany were present at a ball given by Mr. and Mrs. Holford, at Dorchester House, Park-lane.

On Saturday last the Crown Prince and Crown Princess of Germany visited the Royal Academy. The Duke of Connaught, the Duke of Cambridge, the Grand Duke of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, and the Duke and Duchess of Teck visited the Prince and Princess of Wales and their Imperial guests at Marlborough House. The Duke of Connaught remained to luncheon. The Crown Prince and Crown Princess of Germany had luncheon with the German Ambassador at the German Embassy. The Prince and Princess, accompanied by the Crown Prince and Crown Princess of Germany and the Duke of Connaught, went to Hatfield, and were present at a garden party given by the Marquis and Marchioness of Salisbury, and remained to dinner.

On Sunday their Royal and Imperial Highnesses attended Divine service in Westminster Abbey.

On Monday the Crown Prince and Crown Princess of Germany went to the Royal Agricultural Show at Bedford, and also visited the Duke and Duchess of Bedford at Woburn Abbey, and remained to luncheon. The Prince and Princess and the Crown Prince of Germany dined with Earl and Countess Sydney at their residence, Cleveland-square, St. James's. Their Royal and Imperial Highnesses were afterwards present at a ball given by Sir Ivor and Lady Cornelia Guest at their residence in Arlington-street.

On Tuesday the Prince and Princess gave a garden party at Chiswick, for which upwards of 2000 invitations were issued. Most of the Royal and Imperial personages now in England were present. The Duke of Edinburgh, the Duke of Connaught, and the Grand Duke of Mecklenburg-Strelitz dined with the Prince and Princess at Marlborough House. Subsequently the Prince and Princess and the Crown Prince and Crown Princess of Germany were present at a ball given by the Duke and Duchess of Manchester at their residence, Great Stanhope-street.

On Wednesday their Royal and Imperial Highnesses were present at a polo-match played between the Royal Horse Guards and the Polo Club at the Lillie-bridge grounds. The Duke of Edinburgh had luncheon with the Prince and Princess at Marlborough House. The Prince and Princess and the Crown Prince and Crown Princess of Germany dined with the German Ambassador at the German Embassy, Carlton House-terrace. Their Royal and Imperial Highnesses were afterwards present at a ball given by the Duke and Duchess of Buccleuch at Montagu House, Whitehall.

The Prince, with the Crown Prince of Germany, arrived at Aldershot at six o'clock on Thursday morning, and witnessed the sham fight which took place at Fox Hills, and afterwards partook of luncheon at the mess of the 7th Hussars. In the evening the Prince and Princess, with their Imperial visitors, were present at a dinner and an evening party given by Earl and Countess Granville at their residence on Carlton House-terrace.

The Prince will open the new Guildhall, Plymouth, on the 14th proximo.

Lady Suffield has succeeded Lady Emily Kingscote as Lady in Waiting to the Princess. The Prince has appointed Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Loyd-Lindsay, V.C., M.P., and Lieutenant-Colonel Frederick Charles Keppel to be extra equerries to his Royal Highness.

The Duke of Edinburgh arrived at Dover on Tuesday from the Continent. His Royal Highness travelled by special train to Ashford, and proceeded thence to Eastwell Park, and inspected the mansion, after which the Duke continued his journey to London for a short sojourn, when he will rejoin the Duchess of Edinburgh in Germany.

Prince and Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein distributed the prizes at the annual meeting of the Prince Consort's Windsor Association, in Windsor Home Park, on Saturday last. Prizes to the value of £140 were distributed to the successful candidates, and upwards of 250 were entertained at dinner in a marquee.

The Duke of Connaught is about to be stationed at Norwich with the 7th Hussars.

The christening of the infant son of the Duke and Duchess of Teck took place, on Thursday week, at Kensington Palace. Princess Beatrice stood sponsor, and the Princess of Wales, with Prince Albert Victor, Prince George, and Princess Louise of Wales, were also present.

THE CHURCH.

PREFERMENTS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Alford, Clement, to be Rector of Runnington.
Allott, J.; Incumbent of St. Peter and St. Paul's, Rishton, Blackburn.
Brook, Frederick Davies; Vicar of Loversall.
Carlos, E. A.; Incumbent of St. Alban's, Cheetwood.
Cripps, William Richard; Vicar of Bestwood Park, Notts.
Davies, Albert; Vicar of Dingestow, Monmouthshire.
Davies, P. G.; Vicar of Batley, Yorkshire.
Evans, David Pugh Jones; Rector of Trefonen, Salop.
Fisher, Edmund Henry; Honorary Canon in Winchester Cathedral.
Fraser, John Frederick; Honorary Canon in Winchester Cathedral.
Mame, L. G.; Vicar of Sowerby, near Thirsk, Yorkshire.
Martyn, R. J.; Vicar of Cury and Gunwalloe, Cornwall.
Paley, F. H.; Vicar of Prenchurch, Salop.
Ridley, N.; Vicar of St. Paul's, Huddersfield.
Ross, A.; Vicar of Emmanuel Church, Forest-gate.
Sendon, W. H.; Curate of St. Mark's, North Audley-street.
Sidgwick, J. B.; Rector of Hunsford, Devon.
Tahourdin, R.; Minor Canon of St. George's, Windsor.
Williams, Frederick; Incumbent of the Sale Memorial Church, Sheffield.
Willis, Robert Francis; Perpetual Curate of Chillington.
Woodward, C.; Rector of Exbourne, Devon.

Tewkesbury Abbey is to be restored, under the direction of Sir G. Scott, the contemplated expenditure being £3000.

Sir Thomas Powell Buxton, Bart., has offered to restore, at a cost of £800 or £900, the Lady Chapel of Waltham Abbey.

Mr. J. G. Hubbard, M.P., laid the foundation-stone of a new church in Hoxton-square last Saturday.

The Queen has conferred the vacant prebendal stall and canonry in York Minster on the Hon. and Rev. Orlando Forester, Rector of Gedling, Notts.

A magnificent reredos (designed by Mr. Burrow) has been erected in the parish church of Great Berkhamstead, in memory of the late Rector, the Rev. James Hutchinson.

The ninth annual meeting of the parochial choirs of the Deaneries of Burnham and Maidenhead was held on Tuesday at St. George's Chapel, Windsor.

A mosaic has been placed in the Morning Chapel of St. Paul's Cathedral in memory of the late Archdeacon Hale. The cost has been defrayed by subscription among his friends, and the work has been executed by Messrs. Salviati.

The Church of St. John the Evangelist, South Hornsey, recently consecrated by the Bishop of London, is, so far as the building is at present carried out, from the designs of Mr. Frederick Wallen, of Furnival's-inn.

The Dean and Chapter of Rochester have expended £10,000 upon the restoration of their cathedral, in addition to £3000 contributed by Dr. Griffith, a former Canon, and his wife. The funds, however, are exhausted, and an appeal has been issued for £17,000 more to complete the work.

A beautiful memorial bust of the late Lord Aberdeen (by Matthew Noble) was placed on Tuesday in the west aisle of Westminster Abbey, near that of Sir George Cornewall Lewis. The bust is in marble, mounted on a handsome bronze bracket, and is said to be a faithful portrait of the deceased.

The Bishop of Lichfield has consecrated a new church at Hadfield, amidst the beautiful scenery of the Woodhead valley; and the Bishop Suffragan of Nottingham a new church at Bestwood Park, in which an exquisite medallion in white marble, executed by Princess Louise, of the late Duchess of St. Albans, who took much interest in the church, has been placed.

The Old Testament Company concluded their twenty-fourth session, yesterday week, in the Chapter Library, Westminster. The company continued the revision as far as the end of 1st Sam. xvi.—The New Testament Company of Revisers assembled, on Tuesday, in the Jerusalem Chamber for their forty-second session. The Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol presided. The company proceeded to the second revision of the Gospel of St. Mark.

THE UNIVERSITIES AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The trustees of the Eldon Law Scholarship, founded in 1830 at Oxford by way of testimonial to the late Earl of Eldon, have elected Mr. John Arthur Godley, of Balliol College, the seventeenth Eldon Scholar.

Speech Day was observed at Christ's Hospital, on Wednesday. The Lord Mayor distributed the prizes, and the Rev. Mr. Bell, the Head Master, in addressing the company present, gave a very satisfactory account of the condition of the school.

"Old Boys' Day" has been revived at Blundell's School, Tiverton, under the auspices of the new head master, Mr. A. L. Francis, Fellow of Jesus College, Cambridge, and was observed on the 29th ult. for the first time since 1848. The Bishop of Exeter preached at St. Peter's in the morning, and presided afterwards at the dinner, which was well attended.

Mr. Joseph Hough, master in natural science, Rossall, has been appointed Head Master of Burnley Grammar School.

At Fettes College the following scholars have been elected. W. C. Hunter Blair and A. Kenneth Sellar. The following were elected on the foundation—C. S. Bowden, G. Percy Greene, C. F. Lennock, R. A. Carruthers, and G. Hardyman.

The annual distribution of prizes to the North London Collegiate and Camden School for Girls took place, in St. James's Great Hall, on Thursday week. The Rev. A. J. Buss, the honorary secretary of the school trust, read a report showing that the number of pupils in both schools was 763. In addition to general individual benefactions, the Clothworkers' Company had voted £105 a year to found scholarships. The feature of the past year was the introduction of French and German lectures by Professor Cassal and Mr. Eugene Oswald. Miss M. E. Hunt had gained the £25 Cambridge scholarship of the Women's Educational Union; Miss H. Armistead Lady Ports-mouth's prize for religious knowledge and Lady Goldsmid's prize for Latin; and Miss M. Fraser, of the Camden School, Lady Ports-mouth's prize for geography. No school had sent up or passed so many seniors in the University and other local examinations; the school, in fact, standing second on the list of Cambridge prizes. The Earl of Dartmouth, who, as chairman, proposed the adoption of the report, expressed the gratification he felt at finding domestic economy and the laws of health as much attended to as the more refined branches of female education.

The annual rural fête, in aid of the Great Western and Bristol and Exeter Railways' Provident Society Widows and Orphan Fund, will be held, by permission of Viscount Barrington, M.P., in Beckett Park, near Shrivensham, on Wednesday, the 29th inst.

The Queen has conferred the Albert medal of the second class on Mr. David Webster, late second mate of the barque Arracan, of Greenock, residing at Broughty Ferry, Dundee, for his heroic conduct after the burning of his ship on Feb. 17, through the spontaneous combustion of her cargo of coals on her voyage from Shields to Bombay.

COMETS.

FROM AN UNSCIENTIFIC POINT OF VIEW.

A learned friend has informed us that the comet, whose appearance has for some time afforded so excellent an excuse for midnight walks and talks in shady gardens, consists of a nucleus surrounded by luminous haze, to which is attached a tail four million miles long, whose total weight is something under half a pound. At first, "not to put too fine a point upon it," we simply did not believe our learned friend. To begin with, we hardly saw how he could have had any chance of weighing the tail in question; and, moreover, it seemed to us that a thing which only weighed one ounce to every half million miles would be to all intents and purposes imponderable. "Weigh the sun and moon, if you like," we remarked. "They are, no doubt, solid and sensible bodies; even try the nucleus of your comet; but before you make any rash statements as to its several million miles of tail, let us look at the scales you are in the habit of using."

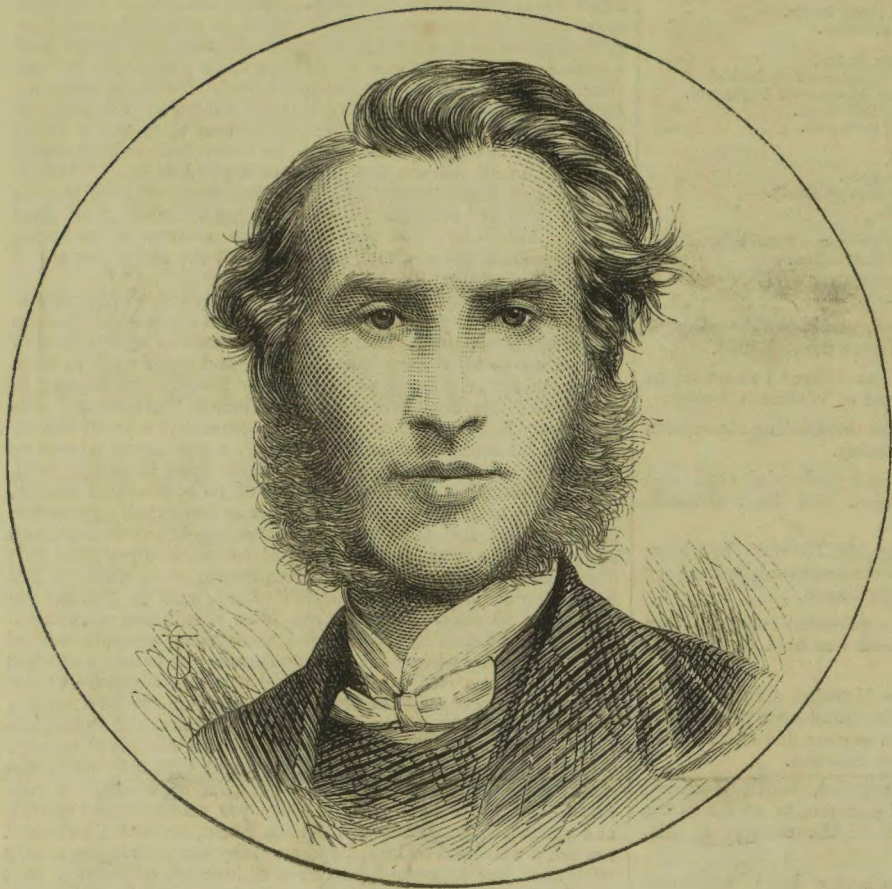
Having spoken our minds on the subject, it was, perhaps, time to begin to think about it; and a very little reflection suggested the inquiry, Had we never ourselves met with any comets whose tails were quite as long and quite as free from any suspicion of weight as that of our friend now shining in the north? Surely there is a class of beings "in society" who may fairly be described as possessing, generally, a small but for the time luminous head, and, invariably, a gigantic tail (far more necessary characteristic of every comet than its other end), which is dazzling in its brilliancy, of no appreciable weight, and inordinately long—growing larger as the comet approaches its perihelion, and then rapidly decreasing, if not at once and altogether dropping off? The social comet, however, has this distinctive quality, that it very frequently, even while in full possession of its tail, entirely loses its head: and to this the desertion of its other extremity has been sometimes attributed. The worst of this is, that as the poor thing consists only of these two parts, when both are gone nothing remains; and what becomes of the rest (as they would say in county Cork) nobody knows or cares—the habit of reappearing after a certain number of years to shine with all the old brilliancy and an undiminished tail emphatically not extending to the comets of society.

Who has not seen the young star poet? He is by no means a noticeable little man, as far as personal appearance is concerned, having commonly large mild eyes, an undecided mouth, and pale, straggling auburn whiskers, beard, and hair; and until his tail is attached to him, he is most shy and retiring, specially with men, having a strong and not ill-founded impression that people in general are very likely to take him from a comic point of view. After he has been made a "sensation," however, he is too prone to burst into floppy hair and velvet coats; while his writings, originally a feeble echo of Shelley, spoilt by the importation of classic idioms into English verse, soon become what is far more objectionable—an exaggerated imitation of Himself. Women of all ages worship him, in inverse ratio with the success of their attempts to understand his deliciously-unintelligible classical tragedy; they fan his fevered brows, and listen in rapt attention to his somewhat involved utterances anent Mysteries, Harmonies, Souls, and other matters which he truly calls unspeakable, but about which he, nevertheless, gabbles on with weird monotony, until even his worshippers become bored, and gradually quit him for some less eloquent divinity. The tail drops off; the new poem sells badly; and, were it not that magazine editors generally begin to find out a man's merits when all the rest of the world is growing tired of him, it is difficult to say what the little man would do. This breaks his fall, however; and it is but gradually that he finds himself less appreciated—that he sinks into the state of that most tiresome, but maybe happiest of beings—the man with a grievance.

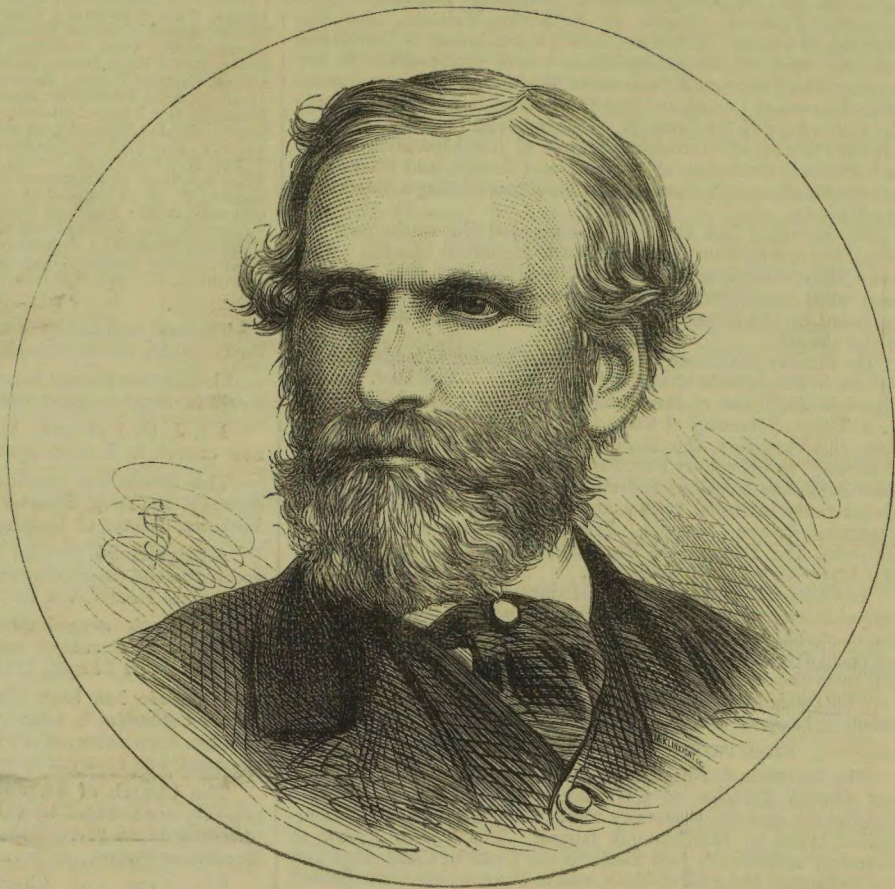
The brain, the tender emotions, and elevating sentiments having had their innings, muscle takes its turn. A traveller from the far East—a hunter who has written a book about the wilds of Central Asia—achieves celebrity by the thrilling, if ungrammatical, description of his fight with a couple of tigers and a boa-constrictor therein contained. He is bronzed, manly, loud of voice, and strong of arm, and straightway fastens on to him the tail, begging with breathless eagerness the recital of his hairbreadth 'scapes. With the touching simplicity of boastfulness he fights each battle over and over again; and how his stories grow with each repetition even the man himself has no idea. Sometimes this comet, luckier than its fellows, disappears when at its height, going off to "have a brush with the tigers" in other happy hunting-grounds; and for the space of a week lamentation is heard and great weeping over the loss of such a luminary; and then he is forgotten for the next star curate, star painter, star musician, even perhaps star man of science, suddenly for some sensation discovery uplifted on a rickety pedestal, and blinking in dim bewilderment at the blaze of young beauty which surrounds him, reverent and adoring, but very nearly as bewildered as himself.

Not all comets are masculine, though, nor all tails of the gentler sex. There are beauties and blue-stockings, lady painters, doctors, politicians. The rather fast belle of the season, discovered and "trotted out" by some appreciative astronomer (though, as a rule, like Encke's comet, she does not ultimately bear the name of her original discoverer), goes on accumulating tail and pace until—though this is often not till after her first season—the former ceases to increase. Then in vain is her charming rapidity doubled; in vain does she talk loudly the newest and most appalling slang, dress as though a comet's first aim in life were to resemble a rainbow. If once it was difficult to tell how many of her charms were genuine, it is hardly so now. From top to toe she is false. She wears false hair, she pads, her waist is crushed into stays eighteen inches round, the heels of her boots add full an inch to her height. Growing desperate, she dyes her hair of the brightest gold, and finds, too late, that Nature knew better than she what would become her; to suit her radiant looks she has to "make up" her whole complexion, and from the moment when, rising at midday, she rubs into every feature some unctuous substance which shall serve as a "ground" for rouge and velvetine, till next morning she goes tired out to bed, she dares not laugh, dares not cry, dares not and does not even wash her face!

This comet of society has not to mourn merely the loss of a tail of obsequious if amused adorers—she loses beauty, health, not seldom life. A shattered constitution, a vicious love of notoriety, an incapacity for innocent and quiet pleasures—these are the parting gifts that brilliant "following" has left her. She, who was the envy of all her sex, is she not to be pitied now? Shine on, pure, quiet little stars, whom singly no one notices or stares at, whose names are all unknown to fame, but on whose quivering, multitudinous light a hundred poets, a thousand faithful lovers, gaze gently every night with eyes dim and beating hearts! It is not best to be talked about, but to be loved; quiet, kind women and honest, unselfish men do the world's best work, shining unregarded with a steady flame; not shooting forth to frighten simple folk out of their wits—nine days' wonders never heard of again, and famous far more for a tremendous tail than for the very little head at the end of it!



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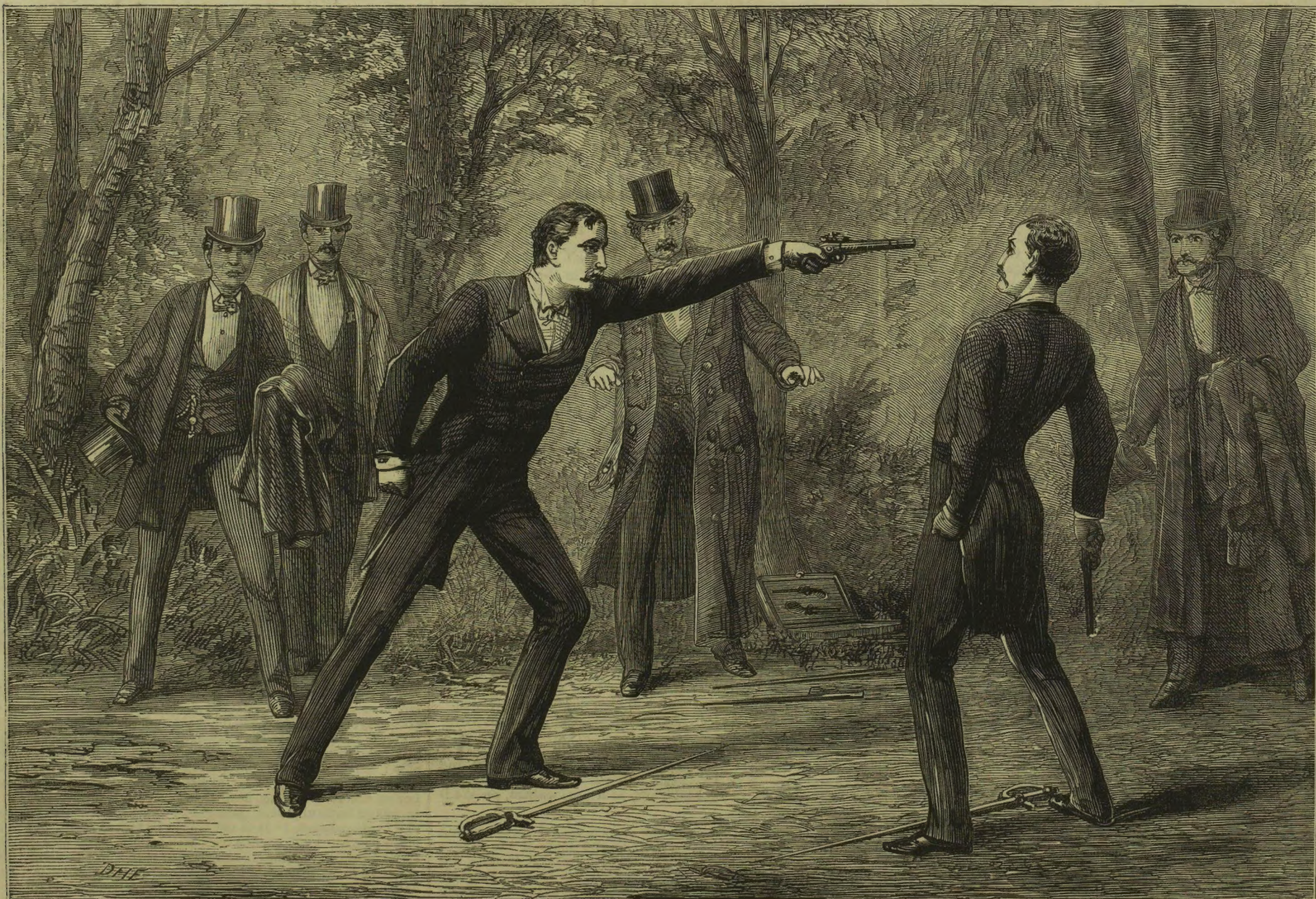
NEW MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT.

The portraits of two of the gentlemen who have been enabled this Session for the first time to sit in the House of Commons are presented to our readers. One of them is an Irish Presbyterian clergyman and Doctor of Divinity. This is Professor Richard Smyth, of Clarendon-street, Derry, who represents the county of Londonderry in the Liberal interest. He is second son of Mr. Hugh Smyth, of Bushmills, in the county of Antrim. He was born in the year 1826, and received his education at the University of Glasgow, where he took his degrees of Bachelor and Master of Arts; and subsequently studied at the University of Bonn. About twenty years ago he officiated as

minister of the Presbyterian chapel, Hampstead, but removed thence to Westport, in the county of Galway, and eventually to Londonderry, where he became the pastor of a Presbyterian congregation. In 1865 he became Professor of Oriental Literature in the newly-opened Magee College at Londonderry, and in 1869-70 held the position of Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. In that capacity he had much to do with the negotiations upon the terms stipulated for putting an end to the connection of Irish Presbyterianism with the State. The Portrait of Professor Smyth is from a photograph by Mr. A. Ayton, of Londonderry.

The other new member of Parliament is Mr. James Cowan, Liberal representative of the city of Edinburgh. He is sixth son

of the late Mr. Alexander Cowan, merchant, of Edinburgh, by a daughter of Mr. George Hall, of Liverpool. He was born in the year 1816; was educated at the University of Edinburgh; and married, in 1841, Charlotte, daughter of Mr. Duncan Cowan of Edinburgh. He is a paper-maker in extensive business at Edinburgh, of which city he was chosen Lord Provost in 1872, an office he still holds. Mr. James Cowan is brother of Mr. Charles Cowan, of Logan House, Midlothian, who was M.P. for the city of Edinburgh from 1847 down to 1859. It is not amiss that the chief magistrates of London, Dublin, and Edinburgh have each a seat in the new House of Commons. The Portrait of Mr. Cowan is from a photograph by Mr. J. Horsburgh, of Edinburgh.



SCENE FROM "LED ASTRAY," AT THE GAITY THEATRE.



THE WAR IN SPAIN: BATTLE OF MURO, NEAR ESTELLA—RETREAT OF THE ARMY OF THE NORTH.

FOREIGN AND COLONIAL NEWS.

FRANCE.

(From our Correspondent in Paris.)

Thursday, July 16.

The political situation grows every day more and more complicated, and whether a solution of existing difficulties will be found in proclaiming the Republic, dissolving the Assembly, or instituting a military dictatorship is still involved in considerable doubt. One thing, however, is very certain—that the Versailles Long Parliament is waning fast—so fast, indeed, that it may still have to delegate to its successors that exercise of supreme constituent power which, in proportion as it was eager to assume, it has proved itself powerless to exercise.

The adverse vote encountered by the Ministry apropos of the suspension of the Count de Chambord's organ, the *Union*, led to M. de Fourtou and his colleagues tendering their resignations to Marshal MacMahon, who, however—to use the words of the official telegram circulated throughout the provinces—“peremptorily declined to accept them;” and at once addressed a Message to the National Assembly, in which, while intimating that the powers conferred upon him are irrevocable, and that it is his determination to defend them by the means with which the laws have armed him, he declares that the Chamber has enchaind its own sovereignty, and abjures it to give the country well-defined institutions. This Message was read at the tribune by General de Cissey, and M. Casimir Périer profited by the occasion to make an appeal to the Assembly in favour of his project formally instituting the Republic. M. Raoul Duval was unfortunate in presenting, on the same occasion, a motion for a dissolution, the urgency of which was not voted, the Assembly, under the influence of the Message and the curt appeals which it contained, contenting itself with referring M. Duval's suggestion to the Committee of Parliamentary Initiative. The Republican organs received the Message, on the whole, with approval, although they found certain passages too strongly worded; but the Royalist journals were unanimous in venting their irritation, and became more pointed than ever in their attacks against the Septennate.

On Friday an attempt was made by M. Bertauld to interpellate the Government concerning the Message, notably as to whether Marshal MacMahon exercised his powers by delegation from the Assembly or not, and as to whether he was responsible to the Chamber for his acts. The attack failed, however—the interpellation being adjourned, on General de Cissey's motion, until the discussion of the constitutional laws came on. At this juncture M. de Fourtou had an interview with the Committee of Thirty with regard to certain points which the Marshal insisted should be embodied in the constitutional measures upon which the Committee were engaged. For instance, the Marshal especially demanded the organisation of a second Chamber, with the right of nominating a considerable proportion of its members; combined, moreover, with the power of dissolving the present Assembly!

On Wednesday the Committee made their report, setting forth that, on the ground of the Septennate being an interim form of government, which admitted neither of the proclamation of the Republic nor of the Monarchy, they had determined to reject M. Casimir Périer's proposition. A counter-project was then submitted by the Committee, conferring the executive power on Marshal MacMahon, with the title of President of the French Republic. The Marshal is to be accountable for his acts solely in the case of high treason, his Ministers being responsible to the Assembly. A second Chamber is to be instituted, having joint legislative power with the Assembly, which the Marshal alone is to have power to dissolve. In the event of the retirement or the death of the Marshal the two Chambers are to provide the means of carrying on the executive; so long, however, as he remains in office no modification of the Constitutional laws are possible unless the proposition should emanate from him. The discussion of this precious measure is fixed for Monday next; but whether the Assembly will vote anything so preposterous remains to be seen. It is scarcely credible that it will do so.

The *Figaro*, a journal professing Legitimist opinions, but which, when anything is to be gained by it, can be all things to all men, occasioned a profound sensation on Saturday by publishing an article entitled “Enfin!” (“At Last!”) a fresh incitement to Marshal MacMahon to disperse the National Assembly by force. *Figaro* had twice before been arraigned for offences of a similar character; but, owing to the protection of MM. de Fourtou and Magne, whose praises its writers were never weary of sounding, it had hitherto escaped punishment. Emboldened by this apparent immunity and by the vigorous terms of the Marshal's Message, M. de Villemessant's organ doubtless expected similar freedom of speech on this occasion. But the injurious terms of the article roused public indignation on every side; and the Ministry, fearing an accusation of complicity, were compelled to pronounce the suspension of the *Figaro* for fifteen days. This tardy concession to the feelings of the Legislative Body did not, however, prevent M. Henri Brisson from proposing to the Assembly that the writer of the incriminated article—a half-pay officer named Bucheron, writing under the pseudonym of St. Genest, should be called to its bar. “The *Figaro*,” he added, “is not, however, the only offender. I have beside me the copy of a correspondence addressed to thirty or forty Bonapartist journals, in which the Marshal is urged to make a coup d'état, and is assured that not only is the army ready to follow him, but anxious to see him begin.” M. Charreyron, an Orleanist deputy, remarked that these attacks against the sovereign Chamber were very deplorable; still, it was the Radical journals, and more especially the Radical deputies, which had originally set the example, M. Gambetta, especially, having described the Assembly a couple of years ago as a “corpse waiting for the undertaker.” The ex-dictator indignantly denied having made use of this expression; but remarked that, if the Chamber declined to prosecute those who revelled in Ministerial favour and who treated the representatives of the nation in the manner they had heard, it would not be long before the remark would be perfectly justifiable. M. Brisson's motion was taken into consideration; but urgency was refused to it by 341 votes to 257.

The Assembly has further been occupied in discussing financial measures, M. Magne, the Finance Minister, being sadly in want of three millions sterling to supply the deficit in this year's Budget. He has successively proposed an additional demi-decime on indirect taxes and an increased tax upon salt, but both have been rejected by considerable majorities. His influence in the Assembly is greatly on the wane. He tendered his resignation to Marshal MacMahon yesterday, at the close of the sitting in which his financial proposals were rejected. At the Marshal's request he has, however, consented to continue dispatching the current business of the Ministry of Finance until the appointment of his successor.

Many conflicting rumours are abroad as to whether M. Rouher is to be prosecuted in connection with the recent Bonapartist intrigues or not. The latest and most trustworthy reports state, however, that not merely are proceedings to be

taken against the ex-Vice-Emperor, but also against General Fleury, the Duc de Padoue, and M. Forcade de la Roquette.

ITALY.

Signor Sella, Prince Orsini, and the other candidates of the Governmental party were successful at the municipal elections in Rome on Sunday. The Clerical party did not vote.

Monsignore de Mérode is dead. The deceased belonged to a Belgian family of distinction, and was born on March 15, 1802. Early in life he served as an officer in the Belgian army, and in that capacity went through two campaigns in Africa. He afterwards took orders, and became the private chamberlain and cupbearer of the Pope. His funeral was celebrated with great pomp at St. Peter's, on Monday. He is said to have bequeathed his property to the Pope for charitable purposes. Monsignore Howard has been appointed his successor at the Vatican.

The Minister of Agriculture and Commerce has received communications from all parts of Italy confirming the reports of an abundant harvest and of the success of the silk culture.

A crowd assembled in front of the Townhall, Florence, yesterday week, raising cries for the reduction in the price of bread. The crowd was dispersed by the police, but returned at midnight in increased numbers, and only dispersed after the Riot Act had been read. About thirty persons were arrested. Bread riots have also occurred at Pisa and in several small towns of the Romagna, in consequence of the bakers having made no material reduction in bread, notwithstanding a fall in flour. Troops had to be sent to Pisa.

Conventions have been signed at Rome for the introduction of postal cards and the extension of the money-order system between Italy and Belgium. The maximum amount that can be remitted through the Post Office is raised to £40.

SPAIN.

The Army of the North, which, as already announced, is being divided into three corps, under Generals Moriones, Ceballos, and Laserna, will number in all 80,000 men.

Carlism reverses again figure in the news published at Madrid. It is asserted that the garrison at Bilbao had in a sortie repulsed the Carlist detachment attempting to re-establish the investment of that town. In Zaragoza the Carlist leader, Blanco, has sustained a third defeat. On Sunday the Carlism fired upon Puyceda, and afterwards fell back to await reinforcements. Cuenca, a town more than eighty miles south-east of Madrid, has received a visit from the Carlism. The garrison is reported to be defending itself gallantly, and reinforcements are being hastened from Madrid. A *Times* telegram on Wednesday states that the Carlist troops have left Estella for Biscay and have blockaded Bilbao.

Dorregaray, the Carlist leader, has issued an address to civilised nations, in which he acknowledges having shot fifteen prisoners. He charges the Republican army with having compelled him to change his mode of action; but the Spanish Government deny the charges he has brought against the Republican troops, and assert that not a single Carlist prisoner has been shot. Herr Schmidt, a German correspondent, has been captured and shot by the Carlism at Estella, his execution being intended as a warning to correspondents generally. In consequence of this and similar acts, the Republican commanders are expected to adopt severe measures. According to a report issued by the Pampeluna Railway Company, the Carlism in 1873 burnt nineteen stations and forty-nine houses, destroyed nine bridges, 400 kilometres of telegraph, and numerous carriages, and murdered several railway officials.

Mr. Haselden has been released by the brigands of the Sierra Morena, and arrived at Linares on Tuesday.

It is announced from Madrid that the United States Government has insisted upon an indemnity being paid to the Virginian prisoners, and to the families of those who were shot at Santiago. The documents are accordingly to be examined, in order that the Government may give its decision in the matter.

PORTUGAL.

The elections for the Chamber of Deputies have resulted in the return of seventy-eight deputies of the Governmental party and fourteen of the Opposition.

There is a great drought, and it is feared that the want of rain will cause great losses both of cattle and crops.

The commander of the expedition sent in 1867 against Bonga, a King of Zambesi, is on his trial before a court martial.

HOLLAND.

The elections for the First Chamber have not affected the previous balance of parties. At Rotterdam there was a sharp contest between M. Pincoffs, a leader of the Liberal party, and a Reactionist candidate. The latter was defeated.

An official despatch from the Governor of the Dutch Indies announces that two positions occupied by the Acheenese have been captured by the Dutch navy after a sharp engagement, the result being that the situation of the Dutch troops and their communication with the Acheen river is more secure than before. The losses on the side of the Dutch were four men, whereas the Acheenese lost nineteen killed.

BELGIUM.

The *Daily Telegraph* correspondent at Brussels sends news of a serious riot which has broken out in a military prison near the capital. Fourteen hundred prisoners revolted and attempted to burn the building; but a force of military was sent for, the rioters were fired upon, and order was restored.

GERMANY.

The Emperor William arrived in Munich on Monday afternoon, and was received by all the Bavarian Princes and the Ministers of War and the Interior. The King of Bavaria had proceeded as far as Kaufering to meet the Emperor, and accompanied his Imperial Majesty on his journey to Salzburg as far as the station of Zorneding. The Emperors of Germany and Austria arrived at Ischl on Tuesday afternoon, and were received at the railway station by the Crown Prince of Austria.

Prince Bismarck, while driving out in the neighbourhood of Kissingen, at noon on Monday, was shot at and slightly wounded in the wrist. The person who fired at him is a journeyman cooper named Kullmann, aged twenty, who is a member of a Catholic Young Men's Society. He was immediately seized, and an attempt was made to lynch him. He is described as being a remarkably stolid fellow, coarse, cool, and determined. His mother has been in a lunatic asylum. A priest has been arrested at Schweinfurth as the instigator of the outrage. Prince Bismarck appeared in the public gardens at Kissingen after the attempt, and was very warmly received. Subsequently he addressed the people from the balcony of his house, and said the attack had been aimed not at him, but at the cause he represents. The Prince has received numerous congratulations on his escape.

In Tuesday's sitting of the Bavarian Chamber of Peers all the Budget estimates, as adopted by the Chamber of Deputies, were passed, with some unimportant additions. The bill for an extraordinary military credit was then passed, as sent up from the Chamber of Deputies, with modifications increasing the grants for various military purposes, including the purchase of explosive shells and the establishment of a powder manufactory at Ebenhausen. The Chamber also sanctioned the grant in

favour of Princess Berkeley, widow of the Margrave of Anspach and Bayreuth, who receives 7000 fl. yearly from the State. This grant had been rejected by the Chamber of Deputies.

In Wednesday's sitting of the Bavarian Chamber of Deputies the extraordinary military credit came up for discussion, and most of the points upon which the Chamber of Peers had differed from the decisions of the Chamber of Deputies were agreed to as passed by the former. The whole amount now sanctioned is 10,129,710 fl., this sum being finally voted by 80 against 46. The amount first sanctioned by the Chamber of Deputies was only 9,457,660 fl., and the sum originally asked for by the Government was 10,826,900 fl.

Riots have occurred in some villages near Königsberg against the new reform in the government of the counties. Although this measure—which when passed, two years since, caused such excitement—was regarded as a blow to the great landholders, it seems that the peasantry do not so regard it, but suspect a trick, and declare that the reform only throws more power into the hands of the aristocracy. The more ignorant even believe that they will be deprived of equal rights before the law and reduced to a state of vassalage. At one place where a rising occurred it was necessary to call out three companies of troops, and in the course of the conflict three men were killed.

DENMARK.

The new Cabinet has been formed, and is composed as follows:—President of the Council, M. Fønnesbeck (formerly Minister of the Interior); Minister of Finance, Director-General Tobiessen; Minister of Interior, M. Worsac. No change takes place in the Ministries of Public Worship, Foreign Affairs, War, Marine, and Justice. In the event, however, of the resignation of Colonel Thomsen, Minister of War, the charge of that department will be assumed ad interim by the Minister of Marine.

RUSSIA.

The Emperor Alexander and the Austrian Archduke Albrecht arrived at Tsarskoe Selo on Sunday evening, and reached St. Petersburg next morning.

Judicial reciprocity has been established in certain processes between Italy and Russia, in virtue of a joint declaration signed at St. Petersburg.

GREECE.

A general election for the Chamber of Deputies has ended, and the Government believe that they have secured a majority.

AMERICA.

Chicago has again been burned to the extent of about four million dollars. The fire broke out at five o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, and, after raging till midnight, was stayed by blowing up buildings in its course. It spread over twenty-five blocks, and destroyed a number of public buildings, the Post Office, a Baptist church, and several hotels.

A great fire has also taken place at Oshkosh, in Wisconsin, and the loss is estimated at a million dollars.

A serious accident occurred to the oil-tanks on the Erie Railway through their having been struck by lightning. The oil took fire, and the damage done is estimated at \$90,000 dols.

There have been perils of water as well as of fire. The Westfield River, Massachusetts, has overflowed its banks, destroying railway stations, dams, mills, and two reservoirs, and occasioning heavy losses.

A plague of grasshoppers has appeared in Minnesota, causing intense suffering.

INDIA.

Favourable accounts of affairs in the famine districts are again given in the weekly official report from India. The prospects of the crops continue good, the price of rice has fallen, and there has been a large decrease in the numbers on relief works, though there have been more in receipt of charitable relief. It is expected that from the end of August the necessity for Government assistance will gradually diminish.

The *Times* correspondent at Calcutta telegraphed as follows on Tuesday:—“Planters report extensive floods in Purneah, Bhagulpoore, and Chumparun. The indigo season there is expected to be the worst on record for many years. Loss of life also is feared. In Midnapore the indigo is dying from drought. Sir R. Temple leaves for Chumparun to-night. The jute crop is expected to equal last season's, unless the Brahmapoetra should inundate Serajunge, as in 1871. The Kangra tea is now reaching the Calcutta market, and shows great improvement. The Calcutta rainfall is 11 in. below the average.”

There has been an abundant rainfall in Bombay Presidency, and the crops are said to be in very good condition.

Much dissatisfaction is expressed at Bombay respecting the proposed arrangements for the conveyance of mails between England and India. At a largely-attended public meeting, held on Wednesday, it was resolved to petition the House of Commons, through Mr. Fawcett, to withhold its sanction from any new mail arrangements which allow more than eighteen days for the through transit between London and Bombay.

General Prado, a former President of Peru, is appointed Minister Plenipotentiary of the Republic at the English Court.

Passports are no longer requisite for citizens of the United States entering France.

The Anglo-American Telegraph Company (Limited) have notified that the 1866 cable, which was broken on April 13 last, off Valentia, Ireland, has been repaired, and that it now works perfectly.

A telegram from Amoy, dated June 9, says:—“The Japanese operations are virtually ended; important conferences held at Formosa; China pays expenses of the expedition and guarantees safety to foreigners; Japan will accept and retire.”

The competition for the Grand Prix de Rome, the great musical “concours” of the year at Paris, has taken place with the usual formalities. The first prize is awarded to M. Ehrhart, the second to M. Verongé de la Nux, and honourable mention is given to M. Wormser.

The cable-steamer Faraday arrived at Portsmouth, New Hampshire, on Tuesday week. Several days' fog was the cause of the delay. A telegram received by Messrs. Siemens Brothers from Portsmouth states that a small fault was repaired on the 7th inst., and the insulation is now perfect.

Advices have been received from the Gold Coast dated the 19th ult. All was quiet at Cape Coast Castle, and there was no news from Ashantee; but a gang of robbers who had been committing outrages had been captured by the Commandant at Accra, and her Majesty's ship Active had had to interfere to suppress some disturbances at Jellah Coffee.

Latest advices from Cape Town indicate that the excitement about Langabalele's trial in Natal has extended to the southern colonies. In the Cape House of Assembly a Natal Criminals Bill has passed its second reading by a large majority. A request has been made to have the rebel chief imprisoned on Robben Island. Further inquiry into the alleged discovery of a diamond-field in the Free States proves it to be mythical. The reports from the gold-fields continue satisfactory, but they are suspected of being over-coloured.

NATIONAL SPORTS.

We have hitherto abstained from all comment on the various efforts of the Legislature to put down betting; but the recent conviction of Mr. Warner for "knowingly permitting" betting at Hendon, which has naturally led to the service of a summons on Mr. Chaplin, as representative of the Jockey Club, for a similar offence (!) at Newmarket, is of such serious importance to the well-being of the turf that we feel bound to make a few remarks on the subject. The general agreement of opinion which these startling proceedings have evoked points pretty clearly to the probable course of legislation upon this vexed question. It may safely be taken for granted that the habit of speculation cannot be put down by Act of Parliament, and it is equally clear that no law can possibly work which convicts at the larger transactions of the ring at places like Newmarket, Epsom, Ascot, and Doncaster, but sternly represses the lesser forms of betting at suburban meetings. Either speculation on horseracing must be put down altogether, and made a penal offence, which would be an absurdity, or all honest forms of betting must be tolerated alike. Of course there is a limit to this doctrine. The Betting Act, for example, which is now being so unfairly strained, was passed twenty years ago, not to put down betting, but to repress a form of it which had become a public nuisance in London and other large cities. Sir Alexander Cockburn, who passed the Act through Parliament, was very express upon this point, as we could show had we space to quote his speech upon the occasion. As regards the abstract question of the morality of betting we are not expressing an opinion. Each man must decide that for himself. We have merely to deal with facts as they are.

The unbeaten reputation of Camballo did not prevent a very fair field from coming to the post for the Chesterfield Stakes, which proved a far more interesting race than it did last year, when only the very moderate Rosanna was bold enough to oppose Ecossais, who was at that time a veritable "Flying Scotchman." Of his six opponents, Camballo had already beaten Balfe, Claremont, and Craig Millar; still, he was now the only one of the party that carried a penalty, which tells heavily over the last half of the B.M., as it is nearly all on the collar, and, moreover, Balfe looked very much like winning the July Stakes until he swerved nearly into the plantation, so it was no wonder that the bookmakers, further emboldened by the presence of a highly-tried debutant in Horse Chesnut, fielded stanchly. They were well rewarded for their pluck, as Camballo was the first beaten, and Balfe, who wore a thick hood and blinkers, showed all the speed of his luckless sire, Plaudit, and won with absurd ease by half a dozen lengths. Horse Chesnut, who is by Lord Lyon—Golden Horn, and therefore half brother to Wild Oats and Reverberation, does not seem to inherit the family gift of going; but the two-year-old running of the present season must be regarded with the greatest suspicion; for on all sides we hear lamentations over sore shins and other ailments incidental to the hard state of the ground, and we must be prepared for some startling reversals of form in the autumn. A Maiden Stakes fell to the shifty Strathavon, who has been a sadly disappointing horse to Mr. Christophers; and M. Lefevre secured a couple of events with Mark Over, a nice filly by Caferer—Fen de Joie, and Eve, the last-named of whom had much the worst of the weights with nearly everything engaged in the July Handicap, but struggled home with unfinishing gameness. We may pass over Friday's racing, merely noticing that Lord Falmouth, who is very strong in two-year-olds this season, introduced us to another good one in an own sister to Peeping Tom, by King Tom—Lady Coventry. She is far better-looking than her brother, and displayed none of his shiftness, so that there is every reason to believe that her success in the Stretchworth Stakes is only the forerunner of more important victories.

The Nottingham July meeting, which took place on Tuesday and Wednesday last, has certainly been going down hill of late years; but the sport on this occasion was an improvement on that of last season. St. Patrick, who has proved an uncommonly useful second-class animal, added another to his long list of victories; and Thunder (St. 10 lb.), a very cheap purchase of Matthew Dawson's at £1000, fully justified the odds laid on him for the Nottinghamshire and Chesterfield Handicaps. Mary White also took a couple of events, and Mr. Savile sent Lilian to pick up one more Queen's plate. There was little worthy of note in the first day of the Liverpool July meeting, which has only just been commenced at the time of writing.

As a matter of course, the entire fashionable world mustered at Lord's, at the end of last week, to see the Eton and Harrow cricket-match; though we are compelled to state that they were not rewarded by witnessing a very brilliant display of the game. That, however, was probably a matter of far less consequence to nine-tenths of the spectators than the heavy rain which fell on Saturday, and played sad havoc with the magnificent toilettes with which the ground was fairly lined. A. J. Webbe, the Harrow captain, certainly batted beautifully in each innings; indeed, without him we fancy the Eleven would not have scored sixty runs during the match, for all the rest were lamentably weak in batting. We doubt if Webbe even would do much at present against really first-rate bowling; still, this cannot be expected of a lad of seventeen, and he gives every promise of training on into a very first-rate cricketer. H. E. Meek's bowling "came off" well in the first innings of Eton, but he could not take a wicket in the second. The fielding of the Harrovians was decidedly better than that of their opponents. There can, however, be little doubt that the victory of the Eton boys by five wickets was well deserved, as there are about half a dozen very fair bats in the team, and they were far the stronger in bowling. We append the full score:—

HARROW.

A. J. Webbe, c E. Lyttleton, b Wakefield	77	b Forbes	..	30	
G. Walker, c Whitmore, b Denison	..	14	c Whitmore, b Bayly	..	0
Lord Anson, b Whitmore	..	7	b Bayly	..	13
E. Hills, b Bayly	..	26	b Forbes	..	2
P. C. Crutchley, c Smith, b Denison	..	4	c Judd, b Whitmore	..	7
F. L. H. Morrice, b Bayly	..	0	1 b w, b Forbes	..	0
H. E. Meek, 1 b w, b Bayly	..	0	c Ralli, b Whitmore	..	17
C. W. M. Kemp, 1 b w, b Whitmore	..	0	b Whitmore	..	1
A. Banbury, b Whitmore	..	0	b Forbes	..	1
J. P. M'Inroy, b Denison	..	11	b Forbes	..	7
W. Grenfell, not out	..	0	not out	..	2
Byes 2, 1 b 8, w 6	..	16	Byes 4, 1 b 2 w 3	..	10

Total ..

..155

Total ..

..145

ETON.

Hon. A. Lyttleton, run out	..	7	b Banbury	..	29
A. C. Miles, run out	..	0	c and b Crutchley	..	14
H. Whitmore, c Banbury, b Crutchley	..	34	not out	..	61
Hon. E. Lyttleton, 1 b w, b Meek	..	53	c Webbe, by Crutchley	..	0
W. F. Forbes, b Meek	..	9	b Crutchley	..	32
F. Judd, b Meek	..	2	1 b w, b Crutchley	..	0
A. Haskett-Smith, c Morrice, b Meek	..	4	not out	..	17
E. Ralli, c Webbe, b Meek	..	1			
T. Wakefield, b Meek	..	0			
E. Beckett-Denison, b Meek	..	17			
J. Bayly, not out	..	3			
Leg-byes 5, w 2, n b 1	..	8	Byes 2, 1-b 2, w 2	..	6

Total ..

..143

Total ..

..159

Two great county matches have been played during the week. At the end of the first innings it looked as if Sussex

would beat Yorkshire, for the former was sixty-nine runs in front. Then, however, Lockwood (69) and Greenwood (41) came to the rescue, and as the whole of the Sussex team succumbed at their second attempt for the wretched total of 48, the "big county" won easily. Emmett and Hill were in great force with the ball, taking eight and seven wickets respectively. Middlesex ran Notts, which is scarcely maintaining its great cricketing reputation this season, very hard, and was only defeated by 22 runs. No very large score was made on either side, W. Osroft (21 and 40) and A. Shaw (60) doing best for the winners; while Messrs. C. J. Ottaway (12 and 36) and J. W. Dale (41 and 25) batted well for Middlesex. Alfred Shaw took nine wickets at an expense of 83 runs.

The bad weather had a very depressing effect on Walton-on-Thames Regatta, which was brought off last Saturday. The races were rowed, as usual, from Sunbury Weir to Mount Felix, in the grounds of which Mrs. Ingram entertained a large company. The rowing was scarcely so good as on former occasions, two or three of the events being spoilt by the crowd of pleasure-boats, which could not be induced to keep out of the course. The defeat of the Thames Four by the Moulsey R.C. for the Challenge Cup was a great surprise; and two members of that crew were also badly beaten by Chillingworth and Herbert, Ino R.C., in the final heat of the Senior Pairs.

Billiards are rather unseasonable just at present; nevertheless, on Friday next, John Roberts, jun., and W. Cook will play the best of twenty-one games at pyramids for £100 a side and a challenge cup presented by Messrs. Burroughes and Watts. The match will take place at the Guildhall Tavern, and some marvellous hazard-striking is sure to be shown.

METROPOLITAN NEWS.

Stoke Newington-green is to be laid out as a public park.

The horse show at Alexandra Park was brought to a successful termination yesterday week.

The Drapers' Company has sent fifty guineas towards the building fund of the Hospital for Diseases of the Throat.

Messrs. Yates, Haywood, and Co., of Rotherham, were the contractors for the marble fountain in Leicester-square, and carried out the work under the direction of Mr. Knowles.

Before the Emperor of Russia left London he placed £1000 in the hands of Baron Brunnow for distribution amongst the poor and the charities of the metropolis. This amount will be disbursed by the Lord Mayor and the Bishop of London.

The Lord Mayor entertained at dinner, on Wednesday, the Brethren of the Trinity House, and the members of the Metropolitan Board of Works, the School Board, the Thames Conservancy, and other public bodies.

Earl Delawarr presided, on Wednesday night, at the anniversary dinner of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants, which was held at the Guildhall Tavern. The Earl of Aberdeen also addressed the assemblage.

Mr. Richard F. Harvey will give a recital of his pianoforte compositions this (Saturday) afternoon at the Concert Hall, Store-street. It will be accompanied by a conversational lecture on the national music of Great Britain and Ireland.

Lady Burdett-Coutts, yesterday week, distributed the prizes offered by a society at Highgate, and by herself, for the encouragement of gardening among the poor, together with rewards given to persons who had pledged themselves to protect wild birds and their nests and eggs.

The number of paupers relieved in London during the second week in July was 92,580—namely, 59,452 out of doors and 33,128 in the workhouses. Last year these totals were respectively 66,008 and 33,086. The number of vagrants relieved on the last day of the second week of July was 433—279 men, 114 women, and 40 children.

At the meeting, yesterday week, of the Board of Works Colonel Sir James Hogg, M.P., the chairman, reported that the purchase-money for Northumberland House had been handed over to the representatives of the Duke and possession of the mansion taken, and that arrangements had been made for the public to view the house and grounds.

At a meeting of the Court of Common Council, on Thursday, at which the Lord Mayor presided, the freedom of the City, in a gold box of the value of 100 guineas, was presented to Sir Bartle Frere, in recognition of his long and honourable career and eminent services in India, and his recent successful mission to the East Coast of Africa, resulting in the total abolition of the slave trade there. The ceremony was held in the Council Chamber, which was crowded to excess.

The half-yearly meeting of the Royal Humane Society was held on Tuesday at the offices, Trafalgar-square—Mr. Hawes in the chair. Mr. Lambton Young, the secretary, reported the doings of the society for the half-year, showing the number of lives saved from drowning. A legacy of £200 has been received from the executors of the late Mary Gray Rahay. Several cases of saving life, all of which showed great gallantry, were brought before the meeting, which unanimously awarded a silver medal in each case.

The anniversary festival of the Printers' Pension, Alms-house, and Orphan Asylum Corporation was celebrated at the London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street, on Wednesday night—Mr. Walter, M.P., presiding. Mr. Alderman and Sheriff Whetham acted as the chairman's *locum tenens* during his temporary detention by his Parliamentary duties. The gallery was occupied by ladies. In the course of the evening Mr. J. S. Hodson, the secretary, announced subscriptions amounting in the aggregate to about £900, including £100 from Mr. Walter, M.P., and £100 from Mrs. Holms.

At a meeting, on Wednesday, of the St. Pancras vestry, communications were read from Baroness Burdett-Coutts and the Duke of Norfolk, offering to co-operate with the vestry in laying out, planting with flowers, and preserving Old St. Pancras Churchyard as an open space to the public, and preventing the Midland Railway or any other encroachment upon it. It was also reported that the church trustees were not unfavourable. The proposal of the general purposes committee was adopted to obtain plans for laying out the ground, towards which Baroness Burdett-Coutts would contribute £50, and more if required.

Under the presidency of the Right Hon. W. E. Baxter, the annual dinner of the Cobden Club was held at Greenwich last Saturday. In the course of a speech in praise of the character and labours of Mr. Cobden the chairman read two letters—one from Mr. Parkes, of New South Wales, accepting the gold medal of the club, offered him in recognition of his services to free trade in Australia; and the other from M. Michel Chevalier, in which the writer referred hopefully to the scheme of a submarine tunnel between England and France. Sir Lewis Malet, C.B., proposed the toast of "The Foreign Guests," and M. Léon Say, Dr. Julius Faucher, and Mr. Cyrus Field responded to it. Speeches were also made by Mr. Halstead, Mr. Ayrton, and Mr. Potter.

Last week 2195 births and 1293 deaths were registered in London. Allowing for increase of population, the births were 20, and the deaths 149, below the average numbers in the corresponding week of the last ten years. The deaths included 23 from measles, 43 from scarlet fever, 2 from diphtheria, 23 from whooping-cough, 23 from different forms of fever, 122 from diarrhoea, and not one from smallpox; thus to the seven principal diseases of the zymotic class 241 deaths were referred, against 178 and 203 in the two preceding weeks. These 241 deaths were 119 below the corrected average number from the same diseases in the corresponding week of the last ten years, the fatal cases of each disease being below the average. A widow who died at Saddlers' Hall-court, Houndsditch, is stated to have been 102 years of age.

A heavy thunderstorm broke over London on Saturday afternoon, especially in the north-eastern district. At Edmonton and Tottenham the basements of many of the houses were filled with water and the furniture floated about. In a part of the roadway the water was up to the breasts of the horses, and for a time the Edmonton omnibuses had to cease running. In Victoria Park-road and Prince of Wales's-road, Victoria Park, the lower parts of the houses were completely submerged. At Dalston Junction great precautions had to be taken, as some sleepers lying there were floating about. Five men crossing Victoria Park were struck by lightning, and rendered insensible for a time. At Edmonton a woman was killed while chopping wood in an outhouse. At Bow a man who had been haymaking was struck dead, with the fork on his shoulder. In Beresford-fields two lads who were haymaking were killed, and the father of one of the lads was also struck by lightning. The Church of St. Luke, Homerton, was struck, and the rafters were set on fire. The General Post Office was struck and a portion of the balustrade carried away.

A show of home-grown window plants and industrial work, promoted by the clergy of St. Philip's, Pentonville, was held on Tuesday and Wednesday in the school-rooms, Amwell-street. This was the eighth annual exhibition of the kind, and appears to have proved the most successful of any. There were 200 exhibitors in all, many of them mere children; but the prizes were bestowed with a liberal hand, and nearly half the number succeeded in obtaining some recognition of their trouble. The floral display was an exceedingly meritorious one. It consisted of fuchsias, geraniums, and a good many other plants in season, the lowly mignonette and musk being largely represented. Prizes were also given for drawings, water-colour painting, fancy articles, and needlework. On Wednesday evening the various prizes gained, consisting for the most part of useful domestic articles, were presented to the recipients by the Duchess of Sutherland, who was accompanied by Viscountess Clifden and other ladies; the brief but interesting ceremony being prefaced by an address from the Rev. R. H. Clutterbuck, the Vicar, and brought to a close with another short speech given by the Rev. W. H. Milman, president of Sion College. The whole affair was under the management of Mr. G. Abram.

The state apartments of Windsor Castle will be open to the public on and after Monday next.

There was a great fire, on Wednesday, in the Galata quarter of Constantinople, between Jophaneh and Karakeni.

The Kidderminster election inquiry was brought to a close on Thursday, when Mr. Justice Mellor declared Mr. Grant unseated, and ordered him to pay costs.

A large quantity of property in Glasgow, the value of which is estimated at between £30,000 and £40,000, was destroyed by the bursting of a canal, on Wednesday, in the extreme north-eastern district of the city.

The Channel fleet—consisting of the Northumberland, the Triumph, the Agincourt, the Devastation, the Sultan, and the Resistance, with the despatch-boat Lively—under the command of Rear-Admiral Hornby, has arrived in the Mersey.

In the first half of the year 1874 the imports of foreign and colonial merchandise into the United Kingdom (not including bullion and specie) averaged in value £1,030,000 a day; and the exports of British and Irish produce and manufactures £650,000 a day.

The German Emperor has issued a general order referring to the practice of duelling in the imperial army. The Emperor does not entirely prohibit it, admitting that in certain cases it is the only means of vindicating one's honour consistent with the principles which ought to prevail among officers. In no case, however, is a challenge to be accepted without reference to a regimental court of honour, which is to report to the Colonel. It will rest with the Colonel to decide if the duel is to be admissible after attempting a peaceable reconciliation. In the event of a duel being fought, a member of the court of honour is to attend, in order to see the rules of duelling observed. The Emperor directs Colonels of regiments to report any officers under their command whom they may find to engage in quarrels without cause. Such he wishes to have instantly cashiered.

San Francisco has another Chinese theatre, and it has just been opened to the public. The *New York Times* states that at the first performance 1800 persons were present, and manifested much interest in the play, which lasted from 7.30 on Saturday evening until nearly three o'clock the next morning. A local paper says that the costumes of the actors were magnificent, and were all made for the opening night. The performance passed off in the most convivial manner. Each actor was greeted on his appearance by many marks of approbation from his immediate circle of friends. Tea-drinking was indulged in to a large extent, and cigars and cigarettes were smoked to the exhilarating strains of questionable harmony. The play in plot and action was like all Chinese plays. There were combats and intrigues, murders and suicides, elopements and pursuits. There was a bucolic vein rippling through the spirit of the drama, and the introduction of two cows, represented by two Chinamen with beasts' heads, was the occasion of no small amount of enthusiasm. The theatre is large, and cost 50,000 dols.

The Royal Agricultural Society's show at Bedford was opened, on Monday, with great success, and was visited early in the day by the Crown Prince and Princess of Germany. The show is one of the best ever held under the auspices of the society. The entries of horses alone number 412. There is an excellent show of Suffolks, and the shorthorns are the best that have been seen for a long time. There is a fine display of sheep, and the Channel Islands cattle have not been surpassed. The Queen and the Prince of Wales are among the exhibitors. The feature of the day's proceedings was the adjudication of prizes to live stock. The principal prize-takers in the cattle classes were the Marquis of Exeter, Lady Pigot, Mr. R. Bruce, Messrs. Dudding, Colonel Loyd-Lindsay, M.P., Mr. John Outhwaite, Mr. R. Stratton, and the Rev. R. B. Kennard. Lord Bridport was, on Tuesday, unanimously elected president. The judges awarded the cup and £50, for the best farm, to Mr. Richard Checkley, of Broghborough; and the second prize to Mr. Edward Crouch, of Liddington. The success of the show has been unprecedented.



THE WAR IN SPAIN: BATTLE OF MURO, NEAR ESTELLA—DEFENCE OF THE VILLAGE OF ABARZUZA.



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SKETCHES IN PARLIAMENT.

The atmosphere of Parliament has been heated in no ordinary degree in these latter days. An ecclesiastical question has produced the usual irritating and inflaming effect, and the central figure of the situation, adding to the inflammation with mighty influence, has been Mr. Gladstone. The Public Worship Regulation Bill, which now stands confessed on the authority of Mr. Disraeli as an attempt to put down Ritualism, and which had no gentle passage through the Lords, has been undergoing a fiery ordeal in the Commons. There has been created a singular position of cross purposes, which, in brief, may be thus described—that, being an open question in the Government, it has detached Mr. Hardy from his colleagues, who has foregathered with Mr. Gladstone, his electoral rival, who pushed him out of the representation of the University of Oxford, while Mr. Gladstone is deserted by most of his late colleagues and the bulk of the Liberal members, not twenty being left to him.

The history of the measure up to its second epoch is interesting. As everybody knows, the second reading was moved by Mr. Russell Gurney, in those silvery tones, with that neatness of diction, and that clear sequence of statement for which he is remarkable. Out of a shoal of amendments one was chosen on which an issue might be taken, and the debate went on. The first indications of opposition were made by Mr. Hall, the new member for Oxford City (who did not come up to the standard of his powers as a speaker which his previous speeches had set up) and by Mr. Knatchbull-Hugessen, who were joint-proprietors of an amalgamated amendment. At the very earliest opportunity, and at the inconvenient hour of half-past six, Mr. Gladstone rose, and delivered a speech which, for rhetorical skill, variety, and aptitude of illustration (some sketches of episcopal idiosyncrasy being masterpieces of polished sarcasm), was of the first order. Its most notable effect, however, was that it produced the curious situation above mentioned. The debate raged for long, the speech of Mr. Hardy against the bill, by which his coalition, of course unpremeditated, with Mr. Gladstone was made apparent, adding to the heat and passion which prevailed, and which were evinced by furious contests to adjourn the discussion. These efforts were practically ineffectual, and Mr. Beresford-Hope was content, or obliged to be content, with delivering a prolixion, abounding with his rhetorical peculiarities, until three in the morning.

It should have been said that by laying certain resolutions on the table intended to act as a reconstruction of the bill in Committee Mr. Gladstone adopted a course which would have rendered the passing of the bill this Session practically impossible. But he did more, for at once Mr. Disraeli saw the opportunity of, for the first time in his political life, having on the hip the rival who had given him more than one Parliamentary fall. He knew that he would have the great majority of the House on both sides with him if he took up the bill, and, as the event proved, he has made it the chief and prime business of what remains of the Session, and has declared that the question involved shall be settled, and by means of this measure, this year. He evinced his determination by making rather a ticklish experiment on the House, for he proposed not only to take a cherished Wednesday away from private members, but to violate the rule by which the *clôture* of debate at six o'clock is prescribed, in order that the debate on the second reading should be secured for an early day. This course was not unresisted, and precious time was consumed in a tetchy discussion about the rights of private members, and in objections to the Prime Minister laying his desecrating hand upon them. At once, on the resumption of the debate, a Cabinet Minister was launched, and Mr. Cross defended the bill with an ability and facility caught from familiarity with the subject, owing to his having had the conduct in the House of a measure on Church discipline two years ago. By-and-by there came forth Mr. Forster, who, in an almost plaintive manner, gave in his adhesion to the measure, thus making evident his separation, at least for this occasion, from his political guide, philosopher, and friend. After the interval of one speaker, Lord Sandon—who has expanded from a modest, almost timid, into a warm, pronounced, and “plucky” debater—was sent out from the Treasury bench to cosset and fondle the bill with intensity. Presently Mr. Walpole's eminent respectability and Parliamentary independence were invoked in support of the measure, and he did his work in that forcible-feeble way which appeals so much to the tender sympathy of the House. Another of the ex-Ministers then appeared in a state of severance from his late chief. Mr. Goschen was not sad and hesitating, like Mr. Forster; but he seemed to have worked himself up into a state of excitement, and to endeavour to carry off the unpleasantness of his situation by fussiness and exaggeration of voice and manner.

The tone adopted by Mr. Disraeli was appropriate to the occasion, inasmuch as the subject was treated, if with a little pomposity, yet with gravity and seriousness. But one sarcastic jest flashed across the level of his deliverance, and the emphasis with which he announced that he had taken up the bill and would see that it became law this Session was so well adapted to his words as to give reality to what he said. Then came a remarkable episode; for Mr. Hussey Vivian, a gentleman of steady, well-balanced Liberal opinions, and who holds a very good position in the House, came forward, and in an almost impassioned manner (he is generally solid and unexcitable) implored Mr. Gladstone to forego his opposition to the bill, to depart from that resolve which he had expressed, and which had been more unequivocally and presumptuously stated by Mr. Knatchbull-Hugessen, that the minority would dispute the measure clause by clause and line by line. For he added that, if that was done, whatever pain it might cause them, the Liberal members would leave him to inevitable defeat by six hundred votes. Mr. Gladstone, who had been personally a witness of the avowed defection of his friends, made no sign; and Mr. Russell Gurney set in with his reply in a vein that was new to the House. He spoke with a tone of indignation and an emotion which caused his voice to tremble. Every other word was “Gladstone;” and he was so long in venting his displeasure on that gentleman that some rude sounds of intimation of weariness began to fly about. To a House packed in every nook and corner the question was put that Mr. Hall's amendment be adopted. A favourable response to this inquiry was uttered by just three voices, while a refusal was thundered out by at least five hundred throats in unison. Then it was demanded whether the second reading should pass, and literally one feeble cry of “No!” came from the back of one of the galleries, with an effect so ludicrous that the tremendous “Aye!” which followed was mingled with shouts of laughter.

If the bill was really to be fought out by its few opponents, and to take precedence of the many Government measures which still remain to be completed, there would have been a curious problem to be solved—namely, how Parliament is to be prorogued on Aug. 5, the day fixed by the Prime Minister.

The withdrawal of his resolutions by Mr. Gladstone does a good deal towards that solution, but the rush of amendments on the bill which has taken place indicates a long continuance in Committee.

PARLIAMENTARY SUMMARY.

HOUSE OF LORDS.

Lord Selborne laid on the table, yesterday week, two bills prepared by the Legal Education Association—one for the incorporation of the Inns of Court and the regulation of their affairs, and the other for the establishment of a general school of law. After some observations from the Lord Chancellor, Lord Hatherley, and Lord Waverley, generally favourable to the bills, they were read the first time.

On Monday the case of Mr. Leonard Edmunds, who complains of having been deprived of certain offices in the House of Peers, was discussed on petition and ignored; the Working Men's Dwellings Bill was passed through Committee; the Commons Amendments to the Hertford College Bill were considered; and the Foyle College Bill passed through Committee.

On the report of the amendments to the Licensing Bill being proposed, on Tuesday, clause 29, of the principal bill, which allows of a communication between licensed premises and a theatre, was, on the motion of Lord Harrowby, omitted; and, some verbal amendments having been made, the report was agreed to. The Factories (Health of Women, &c.) Bill and the Personation Bill were passed through Committee; the Colonial Attorneys Relief Act Amendment Bill was read the second time; and the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order Confirmation Bill, the Local Government Boards Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 5) Bill, and the Hoyle College Bill were read the third time and passed.

On Thursday the Royal Assent was given by Commission to the following bills, viz.:—Statute Law Revision, Apothecaries Act Amendment, Conjugal Rights (Scotland) Act Amendment, Drainage and Improvement of Lands (Ireland) Act (1863) Amendment, Leases and Settled Estates, Gas and Water Orders Confirmation, and a large number of private bills.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

At a morning sitting, yesterday week, the state of the revenue was discussed, and assurance was given by the Chancellor of the Exchequer that, notwithstanding a slight falling off in the returns of the last quarter, the yield of the year would be equal to the Budget Estimate. The Sanitary Laws Amendment Bill, the Evidence Law Amendment (Scotland) Bill, and the Industrial and Reformatory Schools Bill were passed through Committee; and the Slaughterhouses Bill was read the third time. At the evening sitting the House was counted out while Mr. Monk was calling attention to the unequal incidence of the payment of first fruits and tenths by the clergy to the Governors of Queen Anne's Bounty.

Mr. Disraeli made a statement on Monday with respect to the course of public business. He said that he hoped to carry the Church Patronage (Scotland) Bill, the India Councils Bill, the two Judicature Bills, and to have the Indian Budget in time for the prorogation on Aug. 5. He also fixed the adjourned debate on the Public Worship Bill for Wednesday, and the discussion of Mr. Gladstone's resolutions on that bill for Friday, at a morning sitting. The adjourned debate on the Church Patronage (Scotland) Bill was resumed, and carried on at great length; and the second reading was affirmed by 307 against 109. The Public Health (Ireland) Bill was passed through committee, and the Intoxicating Liquors (Ireland) Bill was read the third time and passed. A return moved for by Mr. O'Connor Power as to the treatment of Fenian prisoners was resisted by Mr. Cross, and gave rise to a short debate; but the motion was rejected by 92 against 21.

The main part of Tuesday's sitting was occupied by a warm discussion of the Endowed Schools Act Amendment Bill. Lord Sandon moved the second reading in a speech conciliatory in its earlier passages, but defiant at its close. Many members having spoken for and against the bill, Mr. Gladstone, in a vigorous speech, which was emphasised from point to point by cheers from the crowded benches of the Liberal party, opposed the bill on the grounds that it was inequitable, unusual, and most unwise. It was a first and experimental step in a backward direction, and the House had no assurance that it would be the last. The prolonged cheers which his glowing peroration evoked mingled with the applause that greeted Mr. Gathorne Hardy's rising, and cheers and counter-cheers followed the progress of the Minister of War's speech, the excitement culminating at the passage where the hon. gentleman declared that, as the Government were simply following out the policy initiated by Mr. Forster, it did not lie in the mouth of ex-Ministers to ask them whither and how far was that policy leading them? The division was announced—for the second reading, 291; against, 209. The Committee was fixed for Monday. The Shannon Navigation Bill, after a long discussion, was passed through Committee; as also were the Powers Law Amendment Bill, the Infanticide Bill, and the Mersey Channel Bill. The reports of the resolutions on the Police Force Expenses Bill and the Court of Judicature (Ireland) Salaries Bill were brought up and agreed to. The Industrial and Reformatory Schools Bill was read the third time.

After other bills had been postponed on Wednesday the usual rule for terminating the sitting was at six o'clock suspended, and the adjourned debate on the Public Worship Regulation Bill was taken. The measure was fully discussed, and the second reading was agreed to without a division.

On Thursday several important amendments in the Public Worship Regulation Bill were given notice of by Mr. Cowper Temple, Mr. Monk, Mr. Beresford-Hope, and other hon. members. Mr. Gladstone asked the indulgence of the House whilst he made a statement respecting the six resolutions of which he had given notice on the order of the day for Committee on the bill. Considering that the bill had been read the second time without any division, in the face of important adverse amendments he accepted that fact as an expression of opinion on the part of the House that no obstacle should be offered to the measure being proceeded with in Committee. Under these circumstances, he wished to give notice that he should not press his resolutions. The House received this intimation with some cheers. Mr. Horsman asked the Prime Minister whether he contemplated any arrangements by which the progress of the measure could be so facilitated as to make it law this Session? Mr. Disraeli, replying, observed that the important statement just made by Mr. Gladstone must have an important bearing upon his answer. He was not then prepared to give a reply to the question of the right hon. gentleman, but would make a statement to the House upon the subject about seven o'clock next evening. The order of the day for the second reading of the Women's Disabilities Bill was, on the motion of Mr. Forsyth, discharged. Sir E. Watkin asked a series of questions with respect to the decision of Mr. Justice Groves on the Boston election petition. The Attorney-General protested against being asked a question as to his opinion on the decision of a Judge, especially at a time when he could not give his reasons, and still more so when the Act made the decision of the Judge final. The course taken in the matter by the authority of the learned Judge was strictly within the terms of the Act. The Sanitary Laws Amendment Bill was read the third time and passed. The Judicature Act Amendment Bill occupied the chief portion of the night.

“CHARITY.”

The symbolical designs of many Italian, French, Flemish, and Spanish artists, under the title of “Charity” or “Piety,” are familiar to the visitor of the Continental galleries. The sculptor or painter in these instances is accustomed to present a nun-like female figure, a personification of one of the chief Christian graces, tenderly cherishing either a sick person, or the body of one recently dead, or two or three young orphan children. In the work of M. Bouguereau, which we have selected from the Paris Exhibition of this year, the same idea is expressed with much feeling; and the motherly condition of the female, who seems able to give natural nourishment to babes smaller than those now sleeping in her lap, is quite in keeping with her supposed compassionate office. The children appear to be twins, and they are a lovely pair, whose innocent slumbers one would not care to disturb.

LAW AND POLICE.

Lord Jerviswoode, Judge in the Edinburgh Court of Sessions, has resigned; and Mr. Millar, Solicitor-General for Scotland, has been appointed to the vacancy.

The Benchers of Gray's Inn begin their sittings to-day (Saturday) for the purpose of investigating the conduct of Dr. Kenealy, Q.C., during the trial of Arthur Orton, and subsequently in regard to articles published in a paper called the *Englishman*.

Mr. Gossett has obtained £2500 damages, in the Court of Queen's Bench, as compensation for an accident which happened to him near Chapel-en-le-Firth, on the Midland Railway, which was caused by the running of a train into the débris of a landslip.

Mr. W. A. Warner Sleigh, whose case has been before the Bankruptcy Court more than two years, has been allowed to pass on his undertaking to file a copy of his wife's marriage settlement.—Mr. George Odger's creditors having agreed to accept a composition of 1s. in the pound, the Court of Bankruptcy has confirmed that arrangement.

An application was made before the Master of the Rolls, yesterday week, by the Gresham Life Assurance Society to invalidate a policy of insurance on the ground of fraud. The defendant, it was alleged, had, in 1856, insured the life of a man who soon afterwards died of consumption, and who had been personated by another man to deceive the company's medical adviser. The application was granted, with costs.

Following up the magisterial decision given at Edgware on betting at racecourses, a summons has been taken out against Mr. H. Chaplin, M.P., one of the stewards of the Jockey Club, for permitting betting at Newmarket.

The prosecution of the directors of the Peat Coal and Charcoal Company (Limited) has been withdrawn, and when the case came before the Lord Mayor, on Monday, for the third time, the summonses were dismissed. In the course of the hearing, however, it was intimated that another charge of having issued a false statement would be preferred.

Mr. E. W. Pugin, the architect, was tried at the Central Criminal Court, on Tuesday, on the charge of having libelled Mr. J. R. Herbert, R.A. Mr. Pugin and Mr. Herbert had had a dispute, leading to a lawsuit, about a house which the former built for the latter, and the architect wrote several very abusive letters to Mrs. Herbert respecting her husband. The jury acquitted the defendant, on the ground that his letters, though scurrilous, were not libellous. On Wednesday Mr. W. B. St. Quentin was charged with having libelled another gentleman by accusing him of cheating at cards, but the case was settled. George Gardner, fifty, baker, charged with feloniously wounding his wife with intent to murder her, was found guilty of unlawfully wounding, and was sentenced to six months' imprisonment, with hard labour. Robert Kerridge, charged with the manslaughter of William Mahoney, was acquitted. James Montague, who was convicted of burglary, was sentenced to ten years' penal servitude. A verdict of acquittal was returned in the case of Ellen Bryan, who was indicted for perjury.

Sentence of two years' hard labour has been passed, at the Middlesex Sessions, on a woman named Meadows, who had stolen £70 in notes and gold from a house in which her daughter was employed as a servant. The daughter was also put on her trial, but was discharged.

Victor Grandrie, a Frenchman, was brought up at Bow-street Police Court, on Monday, under the extradition treaty, on the charge of fraudulent bankruptcy and forgery, and was committed for trial.

A needlewoman of St. Luke's, having quarrelled with a neighbour, laid violent hands upon her, and stabbed her several times with a shoemaker's knife. A third woman came to the rescue, and was severely bitten in the thumb. The magistrate at Clerkenwell has committed Mrs. Ravan for trial.

Daniel Rumacher, a butcher's boy, was convicted, last week, of the theft of a purse belonging to his master. An application was made to the Court for the boy's release, the purse and its contents having been found, and an order was at once issued for his release.

Fanny Grundy, the wife of a labourer living in Victoria-street, has had to summon her husband to Westminster Police Court for a drunken assault. In her evidence against him she stated that last year he had given her black eyes five times. He was required to find bail in £20 for future abstinence from this domestic indulgence.

A case that showed great simplicity on the part of the prosecutor was heard at the Hammersmith Police Court last week. He met two strangers in Hyde Park, and one of them having allowed the other to go away with some money ostensibly for the purpose of testing his honesty, the prosecutor, when the man came back, intrusted him with two £5 notes. Both the men disappeared, but they were captured. On Wednesday a prosecution was heard under the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act, in which a builder of South Kensington had caused a glandered horse to be led through the streets. He was fined £20 and £1 3s. costs.

Joseph Skirden, an Irish labourer, was tried at the Hertford Assizes, yesterday week, for the wilful murder of another man by stabbing him during a quarrel; but there were mitigating circumstances in the case, and the prisoner was only condemned to five years' penal servitude.

A respite has been granted to Martin Gilboy, who had been sentenced to be hanged at Edinburgh for murder.

Prize-day took place on Wednesday, on board the Britannia, the training-ship for naval cadets at Dartmouth, and the prizes were distributed by Admiral the Hon. Sir H. Keppel, G.C.B., Commander-in-Chief at Devonport. Captain the Hon. F. A. G. Foley, of the Britannia, said the recent examinations, on the whole, he considered satisfactory. The cadets' conduct had been better than heretofore, and the discipline among them, and their tone as young gentlemen, had been far higher than he had seen for the three years he had been in the ship.

THE CITY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

Dr. W. Sedgwick Saunders, the recently-appointed medical officer of health for the city of London, was born, in 1824, in Devonshire, where his ancestors had resided during many centuries. He was educated at King's College, London, and subsequently by private tuition, leaving school at an early age. He entered the medical profession, in 1838, as a pupil of the late Dr. Hooper. In 1843 he entered upon his hospital career at St. Thomas's Hospital, and passed through the curriculum of study with very distinguished success, taking the highest honours in sessions 1844-5. After becoming legally qualified to practise his profession, he entered the Army, in 1846, as assistant surgeon in the Royal Fusiliers. He served with that renowned corps in the West Indies and in North America until 1850, when, on the return of his regiment to England, he was placed on the Staff, and was immediately appointed in medical charge of the military prison at Fort Clarence, Rochester. In this position he remained until the end of 1851, when he was suddenly ordered to proceed to the seat of the Kafir War and Cape of Good Hope. He actually sailed from Portsmouth in the ill-fated Birkenhead in January, 1852; and, but for a temporary illness, compelling him to land at the first port the steamer touched at, he would, in all probability, have shared the terrible fate of the noble-hearted men who went down in Simon's Bay on board that vessel. Upon the recovery of his health Dr. Saunders resigned his commission in the Army, and commenced private practice in the city of London, where he has long been held in high estimation by his fellow-citizens.

Amidst the anxieties and care of a busy practice, Dr. Sedgwick Saunders has found time to devote his attention to public affairs. His name will be long identified with many works of philanthropy and usefulness, not the least of which is the Free Library of the Corporation of London, of which he may be said to be the founder; for it was owing to his indefatigable exertions and persistent advocacy that the Court of Common Council, of which body he was a leading member during many years, consented, after much opposition, to erect the Free Library. The success of this institution has far exceeded the most sanguine expectations of its promoters. The fact of its still growing in public estimation is seen by the numbers who daily seek its advantages, it being not an uncommon thing to have six hundred readers there in a single day. Dr. Sedgwick Saunders has long been favourably known as an advanced sanitary reformer. He was employed under the directions of her Majesty's Privy Council to superintend the medical arrangements in the City of London Union during the epidemic of cholera in 1866, and published many valuable reports upon the subject. He holds several important public appointments, besides being a member of several learned societies. In addition to the appointment of health officer to which he was elected by the almost unanimous voice of the City authorities, he is also food analyst for London.

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THE WIMBLEDON MEETING.

We were able to give in our last Number the result of the match between Lords and Commons on Thursday week—the latter winning by 76 points. In the shooting for the Queen's prize at the 600 yards Corporal Young, 1st Herts, scored 24, which brought up his total to 87 points, making him the winner of the silver medal and a prize of £60 for the second time.

Among the competitions yesterday were those for the St. George's challenge vase and the Prince of Wales's prize. The former was gained by Private M'Vittie, 7th Dumfries, with 35 points, the highest possible score—every shot being sent through the little bull's-eye 500 yards away. The Prince of Wales's badge and £100 were won by Sergeant Tildesley, 1st Beds. For the Snider association cup S. S. Young, of the London Rifle Brigade, scored 47 out of a possible 50. Captain Murray, Queen's Edinburgh, took the first prize of £20, in the Secretary of State for War's prize; and Corporal Andres, 26th Kent, took £10. Mr. Rigby won the Alexandra prize of £50—Humphry, Inns of Court, and Captain Whyte, 13th Stirling, taking £5 each. The Canadians made a good show in this contest, winning four prizes. For the Martin's challenge cup and £50, Hurst, 1st Tower Hamlets, and Private Gilbert, 41st Middlesex, tied with 30 points each. In the course of the afternoon the Canadian team presented an address to Sir Garnet Wolseley, in which a warm recognition was made of the endurance, the foresight, and the gallantry which had earned the well-merited thanks of a grateful nation. At a garden party afterwards the Earl of Carnarvon, Secretary for the Colonies, addressed the Canadians in a complimentary speech.

Some interesting competitions were decided on Saturday. The China cup, a prize which was contended for by teams of ten efficient volunteers from each county, fell to the representatives of Middlesex with the excellent score of 404 points, being an average of centres. The International Challenge Trophy, which was contested by teams who strove to maintain the reputation of each of the three kingdoms, was won by Scotland; England being second and Ireland, third. At the 200 yards the Scotchmen were 10 ahead, but the English team pulled up at the 500 yards, and went to the third range with a lead of 8 points. Here two of the English team completely broke down, and scored respectively 8 and 4, and the Scotch-

men had it all their own way. The Irishmen came in second at this range, but in the gross total they were about as far behind as usual. The total scores were:—Scotland, 1362; England, 1349; Ireland, 1248. The best score in the Scotch team was made by Sergeant M'Isaac, 1st Bute, 84 points. In the English team, Wace, Honourable Artillery Company; Perry, 6th Cheshire; and H. Bird, South Middlesex, headed the list with 80 points each. Ennis, 15th Lancashire, was first in the Irish team with 76. The Belgian challenge cup for volley-firing was won by the Nottingham team. The Henry prize for military breech-loaders, 10 shots at 1000 yards, was won by Sergeant Rae with 42 points, with an Ingram rifle.

Dean Stanley preached in the camp on Sunday morning, and the service was well attended. Later in the day the camp was thronged, as usual on the middle Sunday of the meeting; but the rain of the previous night had effectually laid the dust, and the increased room in the more frequented parts of the inclosure prevented a good deal of the bustle and confusion which have been so much complained about in former years.

The shooting on Monday consisted of the firing for the Albert prize at 300, 600, and 900 yards on the ranges in front of the Grand Stand; the competition by gentlemen nominated by lady members of the association as their champions for the Ladies' prize; the Oaks prize; and the regular firing for continuous competitions. The competition for the Albert prize resulted in a tie for the first place between Captain Starkie, Queen's Westminsters; Lieutenant-Colonel Hosier, Lancashire; Sergeant Ferguson, Inverness; and M'Vittie, Dumfries, each of whom scored 91 points out of a possible 105. The first prize in the Battalion Sweepstakes was won by the 1st Warwick with 443 points. The Cantabs take the third prize. The first place in the Any-Rifle Ladies' prize competition was won by Mr. Evans (nominated by Miss Evans). The Snider association cup was taken by Private Young, London Rifle Brigade. Earl De Grey made 25 points for the Halford prize at the running deer; and for the Martin-Smith sporting-rifle prize Major Bland made 23 with a single barrel, and Edward Ross a like score with a double barrel. Among the highest scores made in the early part of the day were a 32 by Lieutenant Leitch, of the Queen's Edinburgh, for the Abingdon Works; a 23 by Mr. E. Ross, for the Martin (double); and 33 by G. Carter, 4th Hants, for the Snider Scurry, against a 35 already made by Sergeant W. M. Forster, 5th Northumbland, this being the highest possible score; and another 33 by A. M'Aubin, of the St. George's. A perplexing mirage prevailed during the morning. The following were the principal scores of the day:—Highest aggregate, Sergeant Wright, C.S., £50, for 240 points in the St. George's, Windmill, Alexandra, and Alfred; Private Burns, Cornwall, £30; Private M'Vittie, Dumfries, £20. In practising for the Queen's, Sergeant Wright in twelve rounds made six bull's-eyes in succession, five centres, and an outer.

In the final shooting for the Queen's prize, on Tuesday, it was found that Sergeant Rae, of the 31st Lanark, and Private Atkinson, of the 1st Durham, had tied with a score of 61. Before firing off, they agreed to divide the money, and shoot for the medal and badge. Rae missed three times and finished with a total of 5. Atkinson missed only twice, and his hits were two bull's-eyes and an outer, which gave him 14. He was carried in triumph round the camp. Mr. Atkinson is a working joiner and builder, thirty-three years of age, in business at Stockton-on-Tees. Though no tie for the Queen's prize has ever before been shot off; and though there has, therefore, never been such an exciting close as that of Tuesday to this great contest, there has been one tie before. In 1861 Mr. Jopling, Lord Bury, and Sergeant Bingham headed the field in the second stage of the Queen's with 18 points out of 42. It was not then the practice to shoot off ties, and the prize was adjudged to the best scorer in the first stage, in which Mr. Jopling had achieved 20 points to Sergeant Bingham's 19 and Lord Bury's 17. A scratch match between the public-school veterans was shot off in the afternoon, and resulted in a tie, which was won by the representatives of Winchester. An accident occurred in the morning at the firing-points where the competition for the Queen's prize was going on. Ensign Hunt, of the Hon. Artillery Company, was lying down about to shoot when his rifle (a Martini-Henri) burst. One portion of the barrel flew whizzing into the air, while the stock was quite shattered. Neither Mr. Hunt nor any of the other competitors in his immediate vicinity were injured.

The most exciting competitions of Wednesday were for the University Challenge Plate, the Irish International Trophy, and the second stage of the Albert. In the first Oxford proved the winner; and in the second the respective scores were Scotland 81, England 69, Ireland 53. For the Albert prize there was a tie between Lieutenant Backhouse, of the 24th Lancashire, and Mr. E. Ross, who each made 59 out of a possible 75 at the 1000 yards. This matter was decided by their shooting for the Wimbledon Cup in the afternoon. Mr. Ross made the better score in this, and therefore wins the £100, which is the prize in the second stage of the Albert. The fifty winners of prizes in the Army and Navy Challenge Cup series fired a second-stage match, for a challenge cup, which is held by the officers of the regiment or of the ship whose representative wins it, while the man's skill is rewarded by £10 for himself. This was won by Private Price, of the 19th Foot. A sort of runaway match was fired for the Irish International Trophy by the

top scorers in the three teams of twenty men each who fired in the International Snider match on Saturday. They were Sergeant M'Isaac, 1st Bute, for Scotland; Private Wace, H.A.C., for England; and Colour-Sergeant Ennis, 15th Lancashire, for Ireland; and they fired seven rounds each at the Queen's ranges. At the 200 yards M'Isaac went ahead one mark, with 26, against 25 scored by the other two; but at 500 he ran away altogether with 30, against 21 made by the other two. At 600 yards he made 25 against 23 by Wace and 9 by Ennis, finishing up with a total of 81 against 69 and 55. A very useful competition was decided called Lieutenant-General Eyre's Army prize, being a sum of £100 given by that distinguished officer to any regiment of cavalry, battalion of the Guards or of the Line, to the corps of Royal Engineers, or of Royal Marines, who shall win it through their two representatives at Wimbledon either two years consecutively or three years at intervals. The winners this year are Sergeants Cox and Rideout of the Royal Marines, who scored 26 each. In the public schools veterans' match Charterhouse won with 204 points, Rugby and Winchester coming next with 202 apiece.

The programme for Thursday was headed by the Elcho Challenge Shield, or international small-bore match, between England, Ireland, and Scotland, each represented by eight volunteers; the Kolapore Cup, to be shot for by English, Indian, and Canadian teams; and there were also in the lists of the day the public schools match for the Ashburton Shield and Spencer Cup. A telegram received from Wimbledon on Thursday evening gives the result of the shooting for the Elcho Challenge Shield at 900 yards. The total score was:—Scotland, 992; England, 945; Ireland, 938. The Rajah of Kolapore's Cup was won by England with a score of 542, beating the Indian and Canadian teams. The Indian team had 493 points, and the Canadian 450.

The review will take place to-day (Saturday), the volunteer corps, the attendance of which has received the sanction of the Secretary of State, forming up not later than 4.15 p.m. at Wimbledon-green and Putney-heath, where they will be brigaded and then marched into the inclosure. Altogether, upwards of 6000 of all ranks will take part in the review. The force will march past after the manoeuvres are over. One band will be sent from each brigade to a spot in front of the saluting-point, near the Grand Stand, where they will play while their respective brigades pass.

The prizes will be distributed in front of the Grand Stand by Princess Christian just before the review.

THE SUMMER MANŒUVRES.

General Sir Hope Grant inspected the 21st Hussars on the Queen's Birthday Parade-ground, at Aldershot, on Saturday last. The magnificent appearance of the regiment called for the approbation of the General and of every officer on the ground. The infantry brigadiers were engaged, as usual, in drilling their men on the several parade-grounds.

On Sunday there was, of course, nothing doing beyond the ordinary Sunday duties and church parades.

In accordance with the discretionary powers granted to divisional Generals, the troops went out for exercise on Monday at a very early hour, and returned before the heat of the day. Cavalry and infantry were exercised in brigade drill.

An instructive sham fight took place, on Tuesday morning, on the hills surrounding Aldershot. General Sir Hope Grant commanded the attacking force, and Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, who was in charge of the defenders, held a formidable line of defence between and in advance of Caesar's Camp and Hungry Hill.

Another sham fight was held in the vicinity of Aldershot on Thursday, at which the Prince of Wales and the Crown Prince of Prussia were present. Accompanied by Sir Richard Airey and several members of the Duke of Cambridge's staff, they arrived at the North Camp station at six o'clock in the morning, where they were received by Sir Hope Grant. The Royal party drove to Fox Hills, where a sham fight took place between the two divisions engaged in the manoeuvres. General Smyth's force occupied a strong position among the woods overlooking Henley Park and Pirbright, and for a long time successfully resisted an attack by Prince Edward on the extreme left. The Prince failed in the first assault he made, but was ultimately successful on both flanks. During a portion of the engagement the infantry approached each other too closely, and the umpires ordered the "Cease fire!" to sound and Smyth's right to fall back. After this the action was renewed with great fury, but finally the Guards succeeded in making good their foothold on Fox Hills and on the ridge in front of the Frimley-road. Soon after the action was over the troops were formed up for a march past, the cavalry passing by the Crown Prince in columns of squadrons, the artillery by batteries, and the infantry in columns of double company. The Royal and Imperial party then rode to the North Camp, where they had luncheon at the mess of the 7th Hussars, after which they returned by train to London.

Alderman Besley, of Birmingham, has recovered £250 damages in an action for libel brought by him in the Court of Exchequer against the *Birmingham Daily Mail*, which had made certain comments on a statement representing that the plaintiff had used low and profane language at the North Warwickshire election.

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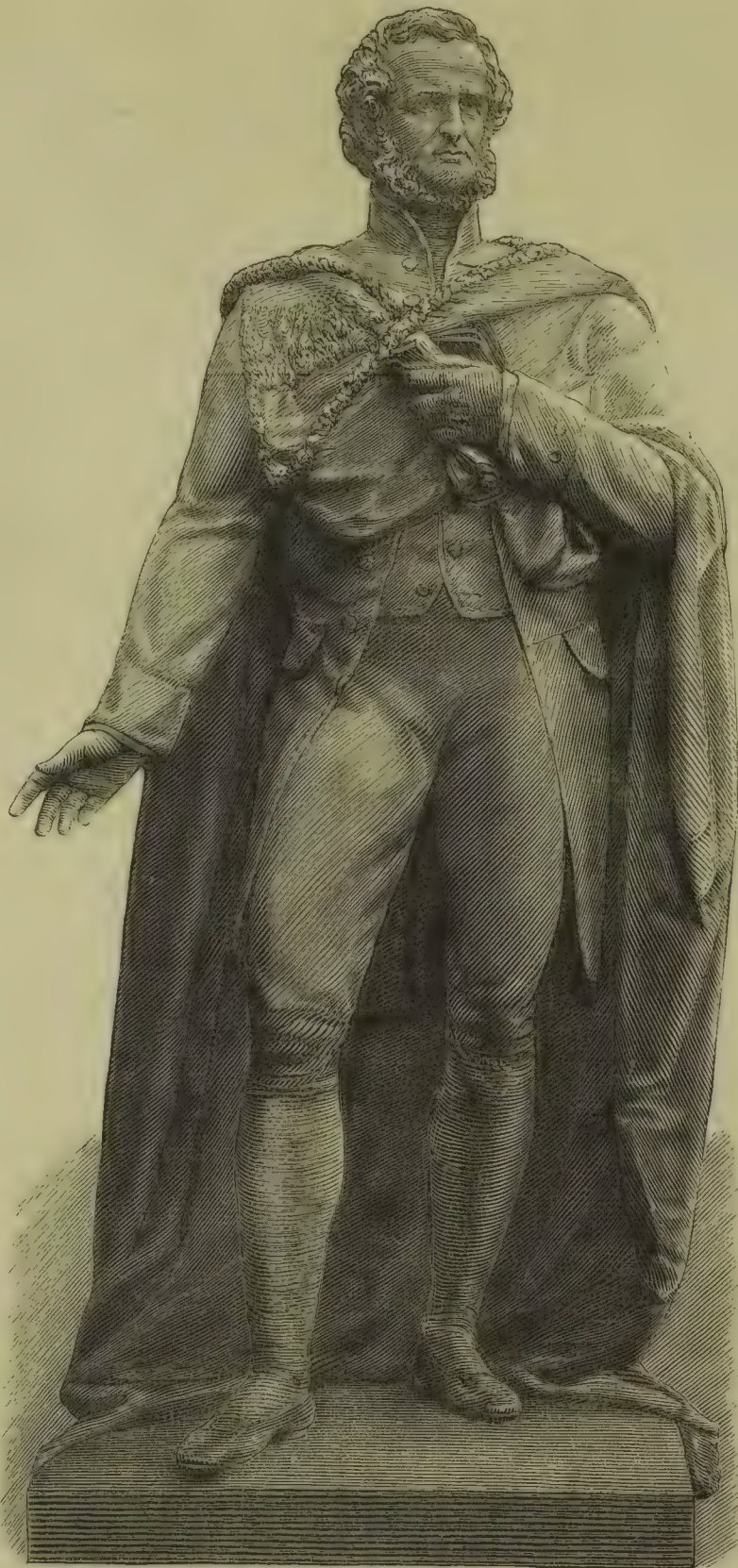
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THE LATE EARL OF DERBY.

The bronze statue of the late Earl of Derby, by Mr Matthew Noble, erected within the garden inclosure of Parliament-square, opposite New Palace-yard, and adjacent to St. Margaret's - churchyard, Westminster, was publicly unveiled on Saturday by Mr. Disraeli. The statue is of heroic size, 10 ft. high. Lord Derby is represented in the graceful flowing robes of Chancellor of the Oxford University. The likeness has been admirably caught by the sculptor. The square pedestal, which is of Peterhead granite, highly polished, is enriched by four sculptures in relief, on bronze tablets. These represent the late Peer advocating the abolition of slavery in the House of Commons in 1833, his installation as Chancellor of Oxford University twenty years later, his attendance as Chairman of the Manchester Relief Committee in 1865, and his presence as Premier at a Cabinet Council in the year 1867. Oak-leaves and acorns wreathed run round the pedestal, which, like the statue, is 10 ft. high. The statue was cast by Messrs. Young, at their foundry, in Eccleston-street, Pimlico. The bas-reliefs were cast by Messrs. Cox and Sons, of Southampton-street, Strand, under the direction of Mr. Moore, their manager.

At noon, on Saturday, a large company of ladies and gentlemen, the latter including some distinguished statesmen, Ministers, and members of both Houses of Parliament, assembled round the statue. Mr. Disraeli was received by Lord Hampton (Sir John Pakington), chairman of the committee of subscribers. He took his place in the centre of a covered stage which had been erected in that part of the square nearest the Houses of Parliament. Lord Hampton, the Earl of Malmesbury, Sir Stafford Northcote, and others, sat on the right of the Prime Minister; and the Earl of Derby, the Duke of Richmond, Lord J. Manners, Lord Chelmsford, and the Right Hon. G. Ward Hunt were on the right hon. gentleman's left. On the platform were the Right Hon. Mr. Cross, the Home Secretary, the Speaker of the House of Commons, Lord Henry Lennox, Lord Cairns, and M. Gavard (the French Chargé d'Affaires). Amongst others who attended the ceremony were Professor Huxley, Sir J. H. Maxwell, Lord Denman, the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, Canon Gregory, Dean Stanley, Mr. Whalley, M.P., Mr. Ayrton, Sir Augustus Webster, Lord Mahon, the Right Hon. Mr. Mowbray, M.P., Colonel Dawson Damer, M.P., Dr. Ramsay, Viscount Barrington, M.P., the Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol, Sir G. Eliot, Bart., M.P., Colonel Barttelot, M.P., Sir J. Hay, M.P., the Earl of Ravensworth, Lord Colville of Culross, Musurus Pasha (the Turkish Ambassador), Mr. Mellor, M.P., Colonel Egerton Leigh, M.P., the Lord Advocate, Mr. Floyer, M.P., Sir Seymour Fitzgerald, and Mr. Montagu Corry (private secretary to the Premier).

The proceedings were begun by Lord Hampton, in the name of the committee, making a brief address to the company, and presenting this statue to the nation. He invited Mr. Disraeli to perform the ceremony of unveiling it. Mr. Disraeli did this amidst general applause, and immediately afterwards spoke as follows:—"I have unveiled the statue of a man who for half a century influenced the opinion and largely contributed to the history of his country. Although the high position to which he was born may have facilitated his entrance into public life, he was one of those men who, under any circumstances and in any lot, would have become memorable. His fiery eloquence, his haughty courage, the rapidity of his intellectual grasp, which probably never was surpassed, his capacity for labour, and his mastery of detail, which never were sufficiently appreciated, because the world was astonished by the celerity with which he dispatched public affairs—all these combined to produce a man who must have become celebrated. His statue looks upon that famous Parliament of England in both Houses of which his public life was about equally divided. Amid the great transactions of fifty years he was one of those who took a leading part, not only in those assemblies, but from out of the great affairs of this empire during that period there are three measures which figure in colossal proportions, and which were the result of his own in-



STATUE OF THE LATE EARL OF DERBY IN PARLIAMENT-SQUARE, WESTMINSTER.

dividual energy and creation. He abolished slavery—he educated Ireland—and he reformed Parliament. Forty years ago, when the first measure was brought forward with that great object, it would have failed had it not been for his bold determination; and only within recent years, as Prime Minister of England, he carried that great Act which supplied the deficiencies and repaired the injustice of the previous Act, because it restored to the working classes of this country those franchises which in 1832 they were deprived of. The sculptor

who has raised this statue equal to the great occasion has, in the beautiful bronzes that relieve the pedestal, commemorated other events in the life of Lord Derby besides those which passed in the senate and the council chamber. He has depicted him as the learned chancellor of a renowned University, and as the generous president of that committee of charity and patriotism which, in an unprecedented crisis in the history of the industry of England, mitigated the sufferings of the population of that great county where he was born, where his ashes repose, and which he loved so well. Lord Derby was far too sensible a man to undervalue the advantages of wealth and lineage, but he valued them because they gratified his highest ambition, and they allowed on his part a large performance of duty. He was one of those rare characters that I am proud to say can be found in no other country but our own. He combined the pursuit of politics with all the tenderness of domestic life. We have raised this statue to him not only as a memorial, but as an example; not merely to commemorate, but to inspire." The Prime Minister's speech was followed by Lord Malmesbury with some feeling comments on the social and domestic virtues of the late Earl of Derby. This brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

WRECK OF H.M.S. NIOBE.

An account was lately published of the loss of H.M.S. Niobe on Cape Blanc, Island of Miquelon. The Niobe left Halifax for St. Pierre, intending to communicate with the French naval officer at that place before proceeding on a fishing cruise. A thick fog prevailed through the whole passage, and she was unable to reach St. Pierre Roads. On May 20 she came to anchor on the west side of Sandy Neck, joining the Great and Little Miquelon Islands. Commander Bogle, finding the anchorage not a desirable one, and thinking it possible to reach Miquelon Roads, or even St. Pierre, by rounding the north end of Miquelon Islands, ordered anchor to be weighed and steamed northward, keeping the land in sight, and being apparently on the edge of the fog bank, which was dense seaward. About nine in the morning breakers were reported ahead. The screw was stopped and reversed, but the ship soon after struck on Cape Blanc, on the north side of Miquelon Island, and, being exposed to the heavy sea, soon became a total wreck. The boats were immediately lowered, and all hands but one were safely landed by six in the evening of the same day. Three men were washed out of a boat by the sea, two of whom reached the shore, but the other was drowned. Our illustration is from a sketch by Sub-Lieutenant Alexander E. Stewart, of H.M.S. Zephyr, at Halifax.

FIRE ON THE ROCK OF GIBRALTAR.

On a Sunday afternoon, the 28th ult., the old fortress of Gibraltar, usually so quiet, was disturbed by two guns from the signal-station, fired at half-past two o'clock; immediately after which a red flag was run up to the yard-arm. The whole garrison was soon made aware that there was a fire in the south district. The western slopes of the rock are covered with vegetation, long grass, wild olives, palmetto, and fir trees. As it is found that this vegetation has a beneficial effect in keeping the atmosphere cool during the long summer, care is taken by the authorities to preserve its growth. But about this time of year the undergrowth of grass becomes very dry; and it is supposed that some careless smoker, basking on the sunny slopes that afternoon, had accidentally set the grass alight. The smoke was seen rising from the rock just behind the Mount, and a strong south-west wind soon carried the fire at a fearful pace towards the northern portions of the slope above the town. The whole garrison turned out immediately on the alarm being given, and some 1200 men were soon at work on the slopes to leeward of the fire, endeavouring to cut a gap in the brushwood. Practically the efforts to clear a gap were of little use, but some result was obtained by those who worked close to the edge of the fire beating it out with sticks. By five o'clock the fire had reached Charles V.'s



WRECK OF H.M.S. NIOBE ON THE ROCKS OFF MIQUELON ISLAND.



THE ROCK OF GIBRALTAR ON FIRE.



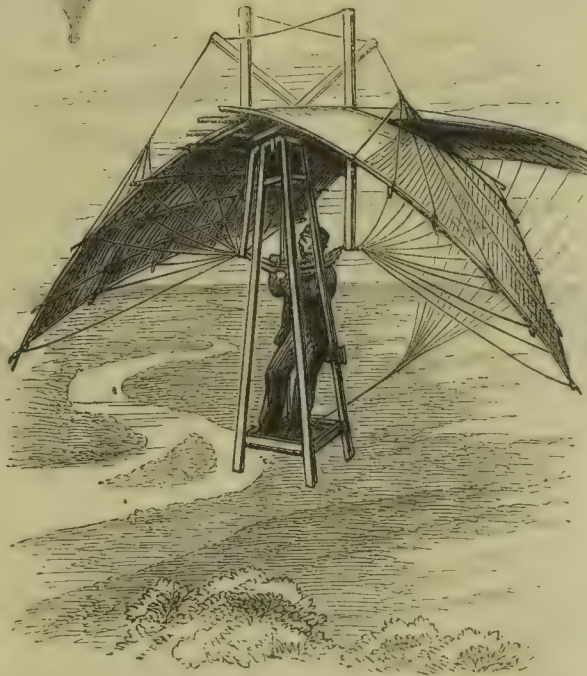
THE LATE EARL OF DALHOUSIE.

wall. This wall is a thick mass of masonry, about 22 ft. high, running straight down the side of the rock; and it proved of the utmost value, for the fire burnt up to the foot of it very fiercely, but never passed it. By midnight the whole fire died out, and the soldiers returned to their barracks. Our Illustration shows the burning rock as seen from the Spanish fishing-village called "Range Grove," at the head of the Bay of Gibraltar. At one time the fire was very serious; and fears were entertained that it might spread as far to the northward as Flat Bastion Magazine, where are stored immense quantities of powder. Great exertions were made to protect this magazine. The roof was covered with wet blankets, and a constant stream of water thrown over the whole. Fortunately, no accidents or casualties occurred; but

the rock monkeys—a carefully-preserved tribe of fourteen Barbary apes—suffered much uneasiness of mind, which they evinced by descending to a much lower level than is their wont. Lieutenant S. Buckle, R.E., contributes the photograph we have engraved.

THE SAILING-BARGE RACE.

The twelfth annual sailing-match of the Thames barges took place on Thursday week. The course should have been from Erith to the Nore and back; but for lack of sufficient wind the course was shortened to Thames Haven. The competing vessels were topsail-barges, under 50 tons burden, and spritsail-barges, not exceeding 45 tons. There were four prizes in each class; these were cups valued at £5 to £16 and £21, with gifts



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THE CIVIL WAR IN SPAIN.

The battles near Estella, in Spanish Navarre, on the 25th, 26th, and 27th ult., between the army of the National or Republican Government, under Marshal Don Manuel de la Concha, and the Carlists, under General Antonio Dorregaray, were related in our last. They ended, on the evening of the 27th, in the defeat of the Republicans, who were repulsed from the fortified positions of Muro and Eraul, and in the death of Marshal Concha, which is a severe loss to the Madrid Provisional Government. The Republican army numbered about 50,000 well-armed troops, with eighty guns; while the Carlists did not much exceed 20,000, and had little or no artillery. The Carlists made vigorous bayonet charges, after withstanding, behind their breastworks, the Republican assaults. The illustration on our front page, representing the scene when Marshal Concha received his death-wound from a rifle-shot in the chest, is furnished by a sketch made by M. Linares, one of the officers of his army, who was at that moment on the spot. The two other sketches of the three days' fighting are supplied by our Special Artist, M. Dick de Lonlay. One represents the storming of the village of Abarzuza, on the 26th, by the Republican troops of Blanco's brigade. A desperate resistance was made by the Carlists, but the Republicans soon gained possession of the place. They set the village on fire next day, so that the inhabitants, returning on the evening of the 27th, found only the smoking ruins of burnt houses. The retreat of the Republican army that evening, conducted by General Rafael Echague, is the subject of the other sketch. Echague, as well as Dorregaray, has related the events of those days in a despatch which was published in the London papers of last Monday. He reckons the whole number of his killed and wounded at 1542, while the Carlists estimate it at 4000; the Carlist loss was but 200. The body of Marshal Concha was conveyed to Madrid, and was interred with great pomp in the Church of Atocha, close to the tomb of Marshal Prim, who was assassinated five or six years ago. We give an illustration of the funeral procession. The coffin, made of gilt copper, lay upon an artillery caisson, adorned with the garland presented to Concha by the city of Bilbao. His sword and hat, and the badges of noble orders worn by him, were upon the coffin lid. Six generals walked beside the coffin; and it was followed by Marshal Serrano, the head of the Government, walking with fifty other military officers of rank; after whom came members of the Government and other persons of distinction, with the garrison of Madrid. The Carlists are regaining their ground in Biscay.

THE FLYING MAN'S PARACHUTE.

A very shocking disaster took place at Chelsea on the evening of Thursday week. A Belgian named Vincent de Groof, while attempting to descend by a newly-invented parachute from Mr. Joseph Simmons' balloon, soon after its ascent from Cremorne Gardens, fell suddenly to the ground from a height of 80 ft., and was instantly killed. M. de Groof had been employed several years in constructing for himself an apparatus with which he believed it possible to imitate the flight of a bird. The general plan of this apparatus was an imitation of a bat's wings, the framework being made of cane, and the intervening membrane of stout waterproof silk. The wings were altogether 37 ft. long, with an average breadth of 4 ft. The tail was 18 ft. by 3 ft. These wings were inserted into two hinged frames, attached to a wooden stand, upon which the aeronaut took his place. He had three levers, which he worked by hand, to give his machine propulsion or guidance, as might be required. His theory was that, having started from a given height, he could manage his descent so as to reach the earth by a sort of inclined swooping motion, without risk of concussion. About a year ago M. de Groof made an attempt to descend from a great height on the Grand Place at Brussels. The effort was a failure, but the man was not hurt. He came this summer to London, and on the 29th ult. went up by the balloon from Cremorne with Mr. Simmons, having his machine attached to it. On that occasion he descended safely from a height of 300 ft. or 400 ft., in Epping Forest. A second attempt proved abortive, the machine not working properly, so that Mr. Simmons refused to take him up. On the fatal evening of his last attempt it was intended to let the parachute descend in the Thames. M. de Groof was able to detach himself from the balloon when he pleased. He had arranged with Mr. Simmons to let the balloon be within a certain distance of the ground for this purpose. The balloon was accordingly lowered from 4000 ft. to 300 ft. above the ground. The two men shouted to each other in German, as De Groof understood no English; but Mr. Simmons says that De Groof only called out the height at which he was. A witness below, the porter of the Chelsea Infirmary, who watched the balloon and parachute, heard, or fancied that he heard, a voice in the air twice exclaiming, in English, "Drop into the churchyard! Look out! look out!" They were drifting near St. Luke's Church, not much above the height of the church tower. De Groof seems to have detached his machine from the balloon immediately afterwards, and Mr. Simmons thinks he overbalanced himself and fell forwards, clinging to his ropes. To the horror of the spectators, the apparatus, instead of inflating with the pressure of the air, collapsed, and, turning round and round in its descent, fell with great violence in Robert-street, a few yards from the kerbstone. The unfortunate man was still breathing, though insensible; but the dispatch with which he was extricated from the wreck and carried into the Infirmary proved in vain. He never recovered consciousness, and on his arrival at the hospital the surgeons pronounced him dead. Madame de Groof, who witnessed her husband's fall, fainted at the sight. The balloon rose and went on, crossing London in a north-easterly direction. Mr. Simmons swooned in the car, and did not recover his senses till he was over Victoria Park. He travelled into Essex, and came down with his balloon on the railway, just in front of a train, which the engine-driver stopped in time to prevent another accident. An inquest on the body of De Groof was held by Dr. Diplock on Monday, and was adjourned.

The Extra Supplement.

MADAME PATTI.

Adelina Maria Clorinda Patti is of Italian extraction, but was born at Madrid, April 9, 1843. Her father, Salvatore Patti, had been engaged in theatrical speculations, which turned out unsuccessfully, and he therefore removed with his family to the United States. The young Adelina's musical studies were directed by her brother-in-law, M. Maurice Strakosch, and her debut took place, on the Italian opera stage of New York, in 1859, in "Lucia di Lammermoor." The brilliant success of the youthful prima donna soon made her name famous; and, after a series of fresh triumphs in the principal cities and towns of America, Adelina Patti appeared at our Royal Italian Opera, where she has ever since been the bright particular star and the most powerful attraction. The London debut of the great singer took place on May 14, 1861, as Amina, in "La Sonnambula," and it was at once universally admitted that the lyric stage had gained one of the most splendid vocalists that had ever been associated therewith. The combination of liquid sweetness with power and brilliancy of voice, extensive compass, and the utmost possible finish in executive skill, were such as, if ever paralleled in past times, had certainly never been exceeded, and can scarcely ever be transcended. Her rare artistic gifts and acquirements and personal charm of manner were, for several seasons, displayed in such characters as those already specified; in Zerlina ("Don Giovanni"), Adina ("L'Elisir d'Amore"), Maria ("La Figlia del Reggimento"), Ninetta ("La Gazza Ladra"), Dinorah (in the opera so named), Catherine ("L'Etoile du Nord"), Caterina ("Les Diamans de la Couronne"), Margherita (in "Faust"), &c.

More recently Madame Patti added to her repertoire parts of the heroic and tragic kind, such as Leonora ("Il Trovatore") and Valentina ("Les Huguenots"). In these representations the same grace and charm, rather enhanced than otherwise, have been observable, together with an intensity of feeling and a declamatory power that could scarcely have been predicted from the earlier performances referred to. The latest example of this was afforded by Madame Patti's first appearance in the character of Luisa Miller in Verdi's tragic opera so named, the revival of which at the Royal Italian Opera was noticed by us three weeks ago.

The enormous terms commanded by this great singer, and the gifts and honours showered on her in the principal cities of the world, have often been recorded.

In 1866 Adelina Patti became the Marchioness de Caux by her marriage with the French Marquis bearing that title.

The portrait of Madame Patti is engraved from a photograph by M. Bergamasco, of St. Petersburg.

THE DUEL SCENE IN "LED ASTRAY."

In the various versions of the French piece on which Mr. Boucicault has founded his last new drama, the scene of the duel has been avoided, certainly without sufficient reason. There is variety in duelling, as in other of the Fine Arts, and, as a tolerably decent method of murder, it may deserve polite consideration. It certainly is a delicate subject, and should be delicately handled, not only on the stage, but in the closet of the critic. Modern society—at least in England—has, however, eschewed the dangerous luxury and so far discouraged it that the modern dramatist, in general, has been fain to keep it in the background, as a matter that might be told, but not seen. The Grecian poets were accustomed to treat similar catastrophes in the same tender fashion, having regard to the susceptible nerves of the gentle spectator. Tragedy in England showed a taste more robust, and Shakspeare was not afraid to exhibit combats of all kinds on the boards. The moment chosen by our Artist for his illustration is a most exciting one. The injured husband has been wounded by his opponent in the right arm, and has thus earned the right to take the life of the delinquent. Rodolphe Chandoece accordingly holds the pistol before the forehead of the man who has so deeply injured him, with the intention, doubtless, of having his revenge. But Rodolphe is of a noble nature, and while he stands in a threatening attitude, and notwithstanding the defiant look of his adversary, a moral change comes over his mind, and he spares where he might slay. The scene is certainly a great one, greatly acted. It produces a profound impression, and fully justifies itself on all grounds.

The Gwern-y-goe estate, in the county of Montgomery, has been sold to Mr. David Davies, M.P., for £72,000.

With great ceremony the Mayor of Bradford, on Monday, opened the new St. James's wholesale fish, fruit, and vegetable markets, which have been erected at the cost of £13,000.

It is understood that Colonel the Hon. Octavius Duncombe has been elected chairman of the Great Northern Railway Company in place of the late Colonel George Hussey Packer; and that Lord Colville will succeed Colonel Duncombe as deputy-chairman of the company.

Filled by distinguished passengers, accompanying the Duke of Sutherland, the first through train upon the Caithness Railway arrived, last week, in Thurso. His Grace was warmly welcomed by all classes, and he accepted an invitation to a banquet from the Town Council and Police Commission.

An inquest was held on the body of Sir Richard Musgrave, Bart., whose death was announced last week, when it transpired that the unfortunate gentleman had been for some time past suffering from mental disease. A verdict of "Suicide while labouring under temporary insanity" was returned.

Orange demonstrations on a large scale, in celebration of "July 12," were held in Ulster on Monday, as the anniversary this year fell on a Sunday. The greatest gathering was at Lambeg, near Belfast, where about 100,000 persons assembled, and Mr. W. Johnston, M.P., presided. The proceedings appear to have passed off quietly.

In consequence of the increase in legal and general business at the Colonial Office, the *Times* states that it has been found necessary to appoint a new Assistant Under-Secretary, and Mr. Malcolm, late head of the railway branch of the Board of Trade, has been selected. Mr. Malcolm will be succeeded in the office he vacates by Mr. Henry Calcraft, long favourably known as an efficient servant of the public and a most acceptable member of society.

An interesting collection of drawings may be seen at South Kensington Museum. The United Kingdom numbers upwards of 120 schools of art, and from these excellent institutions more than 90,000 works of different descriptions have been sent to the head-quarters at Kensington in competition for prizes offered by the council of the museum. The pictures and designs for which prizes have been awarded are exhibited in the architectural courts of the museum. The prize-list includes ten gold medals, twenty-five silver ones, and sixty bronze ones.

MUSIC.

ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA.

On Thursday week "Roberto il Diavolo" was given—after an interval of five years—and Madame Vilda sustained the character of Alice for the first time in England; the reception of the singer having been equally favourable with that which attended her recent reappearances as Norma, Donna Anna, and Valentina. Madame Vilda was applauded in several instances, particularly after her powerful declamation in the scene with Bertram at the cross. The florid music of the Princess was sung with much grace by that improving artist Mdlle. Smeroschi, who was particularly successful in the passionate aria, "Roberto, oh! tu che adoro." Signor Nicolini gave great spirit and force to his representation of the chivalrous Robert, Signor Baggiolo sang finely as Bertram, Signor Sabater was an efficient Raimbaldo, and other parts were well filled; Mdlle. Girod's excellent dancing and pantomimic action having been special features in the revels of the cloister scene. "Roberto il Diavolo" was repeated on Saturday, "Il Trovatore" having been given on the preceding evening.

The season ends to-night (Saturday), with a repetition of "L'Etoile du Nord," cast as noticed last week.

The other operas announced for this week were "Don Giovanni," on Monday; "La Sonnambula," on Tuesday; "Faust," on Wednesday (for the benefit of Madame Adelina Patti); and "I Puritani," on Friday (for the benefit of Mdlle. Albani); Thursday having been devoted to a concert, under the title of a "Mozart Festival," consisting of selections from that composer, the object having been to aid the funds of the Mozart Institution at Salzburg (his birthplace), where students of any nationality are educated, musically, at a mere nominal cost. Thursday's performance originated in Madame Adelina Patti's generous offer of her services, and the co-operation of Mr. Gye and the members of the establishment. The programme included a varied selection of vocal and instrumental pieces, the former having been associated with the names of Madame Patti, Mdlles. Albani and Marimon, and other eminent members of the Royal Italian Opera Company. Of these performances and of the past doings of the season we must speak next week.

HER MAJESTY'S OPERA.

With the ninth performance to-night (Saturday) of "Il Talismano," the season of this establishment will terminate—Mr. Mapleson's benefit being appointed for Monday next, when "Don Giovanni" is to be given.

The previous proceedings of the week have comprised a repetition of "Il Talismano" on Monday, of "Il Flauto Magico" on Tuesday, of "Fidelio" on Friday (for the benefit of Mdlle. Titiens), and Madame Christine Nilsson's first performance of the character of Valentina in "Les Huguenots," on the occasion of her benefit on Thursday. Comment on this, and on the past season, must be reserved for next week's notice.

The last grand opera concert of the season took place at the Royal Albert Hall on Saturday afternoon, when the fine performances of Mesdames Christine Nilsson and Trebelli-Bettini, Mdlles. Titiens and Singelli, and other distinguished members of Her Majesty's Opera, contributed to a varied entertainment that again attracted a very large audience. The selection also included orchestral pieces by the opera band. Mr. W. G. Cousins conducted.

The Crystal Palace Summer Concert of last Saturday continued the scheme of illustrating national music by a selection from Norwegian, Danish, and Swedish composers. A charming scherzo from a symphony by Herr Svendsen (a Norwegian) pleased so much that we hope soon to be able to report on the entire work. The picturesque overture, entitled "Im Hochland," by the Danish composer Gade, was no novelty; but that by Herr E. Hartmann (also a Dane), to his opera "Elverpigen" ("The Erl King's Daughter"), was given for the first time, and deserved a better place than the end of the programme. Of the very interesting pianoforte concerto by Edvard Grieg (of Bergen, in Norway) we spoke in reference to its performance at a Crystal Palace concert last spring. Again, on Saturday, it pleased greatly on its skilful repetition by the same pianist, Mr. Danneberg. Another specialty, although no novelty in the programme, was Herr Gade's charming cantata, "Spring's Message" (for chorus and orchestra). Vocal solos were contributed by Mdlle. Holmberg (a first appearance), Mdlle. Enequist, and Herr Conrad Behrens, and part-songs by the Crystal Palace Choir. Herr Manns conducted, as usual. This week's concert is to consist of quaint and humorous music.

The sixty-second season of the Philharmonic Society closed on Monday evening, when the orchestral pieces were Beethoven's seventh symphony (in A); Mendelssohn's overture, "The Isles of Fingal"; Rossini's "Guillaume Tell"; and Weber's "Jubilee"; all of which (and particularly the overture of Rossini) were finely played by the band. M. Camille de Saint-Saens made his first appearance in London, and played, with great brilliancy and power, Beethoven's pianoforte concerto in G, the pianist having introduced elaborate cadenzas of his own. Mdlle. Titiens and Mr. Santley were the vocalists. The latter sang a long and rather dry cantata by Stradella, which had been arranged and scored expressly for him by Sir M. Costa. The lady gave, with fine declamation, Donna Anna's aria, "Non mi dir" (from "Don Giovanni"); and both vocalists were associated in the same composer's duet "La dove prende" (from "Il Flauto Magico"), which had to be repeated. Mr. Cousins conducted, with his usual care and discretion.

THEATRES.

"The Hunchback" appears to be now the favourite medium for debutantes, who select either Helen or Julia for testing their qualifications. On Saturday, at the Haymarket, this play was chosen for a morning performance, in favour of Mr. Ooe, whose pupils on the occasion appeared in the characters above named. Miss Ada Ward, as Julia, was not deficient either in force or pathos, and Miss Hargraves, as Helen, was as gay and sparkling as could be desired. Both ladies may look forward to a successful career.

Mr. and Mrs. German Reed bring a successful season to a close by a representation, this (Saturday) afternoon, at St. George's Hall, Langham-place.

One of the best panoramas ever exhibited in London may now be seen at the Agricultural Hall. Join one of "Hamilton's Excursions to America," and, in the space of a Saturday half-holiday, the sightseer is conducted by a chatty and musical guide from Euston Station to Liverpool, across the Atlantic, to all the "lions" of the States, including Niagara (a mere glance at which is inexpressibly cooling this broiling weather), New York, the Catskill Mountains, the Prairies, the Yosemite Valley, the Cotton Plantations, New Orleans, Washington, &c., and home again, the excursionist being entertained meantime by the drollest of dwarfs, "Japanese Tommy," and by pleasant ballads.



MADAME ADELINA PATTI.

OBITUARY OF EMINENT PERSONS.

THE EARL OF DALHOUSIE.

The Right Hon. Fox Maule-Ramsay, eleventh Earl of Dalhousie, in the Peerage of Scotland, and second Lord Panmure of Brechin and Novar, in the county of Forfar, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, K.T., G.C.B., P.C., Keeper of the Privy Seal of Scotland, Lord Lieutenant of Forfarshire, a Commissioner of the Royal Military Asylum, and a Governor of the Charterhouse, died on the 6th inst., at Brechin Castle. His Lordship was born April 22, 1801, the eldest son of the Hon. William Ramsay (second son of George, eighth Earl of Dalhousie), who, having succeeded, through his grandmother Jean, daughter of the Hon. Harry Maule of Kellie, to the estates of the Earls of Panmure, took the name of Maule, and was created Baron Panmure in 1831. The nobleman whose decease we record received his education at the Charterhouse, and immediately after leaving school entered the Army in the 79th Highlanders, from which regiment he retired with the rank of Captain. In 1834 he was elected M.P. for Perthshire in the Liberal interest, and thenceforward took an active part in political life. From 1835 to 1841 he was Under-Secretary of State for the Home Department, in 1841 Vice-President of the Board of Trade, from 1846 to 1852 Secretary for War, in 1852 President of the Board of Control, and from 1855 to 1858 again Secretary for War. In 1852 he succeeded his father as Baron Panmure, and in 1860 his cousin, James Andrew, Marquis of Dalhousie, in the Scottish earldom. He married, April 4, 1831, the Hon. Montagu Abercromby, eldest daughter of George, second Lord Abercromby, but by her (who died Nov. 11, 1853) had no issue. Consequently the barony of Panmure becomes extinct and the Scottish honours pass to his Lordship's kinsman, Vice-Admiral George Ramsay, C.B., now twelfth Earl of Dalhousie, who is married to Sarah Frances, only daughter of William Robertson, Esq., of Logan House, N.B., and has surviving issue John William, Lord Ramsay, born 1847; and Charles Maule, born in 1859. We present, on another page, the portrait of the late Earl of Dalhousie, from a photograph by Mr. James Valentine, of Dundee.

SIR RICHARD MUSGRAVE, BART.

Sir Richard Musgrave, Bart., of Tourin, in the county of Waterford, whose melancholy death, at his residence, at Tourin, on the 8th inst., is just announced, was born, August 24, 1820, the eldest son of Sir Richard Musgrave, third Baronet, by Frances, his wife, daughter of the Most Rev. William Newcome, Archbishop of Armagh. He succeeded his father, July 7, 1859. Sir Richard was educated at Caius College, Cambridge. He was Vice-Lieutenant and, in 1851, High Sheriff of the county of Waterford. He married, April 30, 1845, Frances Mary, daughter of John Ashton Yates, Esq., and leaves issue one son and successor, now Sir Richard John Musgrave, Bart., born in 1850, and four daughters, the eldest of whom, Maria, is wife of the Hon. Cosby Godolphin Trench, second son of Lord Ashtown.

MAJOR-GENERAL DUNNE.

Major-General the Right Hon. Francis Plunkett Dunne, P.C., Lieutenant-Colonel Queen's County Militia, J.P. and D.L., M.P. for Portarlington 1847 to 1857, and for Queen's County 1859 to 1868, died on the 6th inst. He was born 1802, the eldest son of the late General Edward Dunne, of Brittas, by Frances White, his wife, sister of the Earl of Bantry. He represented in the male line a very ancient Milesian family, the O'Duinness, Chiefs of Iregan, Queen's County; and by female descent the Plunketts of Dunsohy, in the county of Dublin, and the Tregians of Tregian, in Cornwall. General Dunne held office, as Clerk of the Ordnance, in 1852, and was private secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland 1858 to 1859. Few men were more popular than the deceased gentleman, who had all his sympathies with Ireland, and was interested in all that concerned that country. During his Parliamentary career every question of Irish importance, coming from either side of the House, had his especial attention. As a resident landlord he was esteemed by all parties.

MISS AGNES STRICKLAND.

The death of Miss Agnes Strickland took place, on Monday morning, at her residence near Southwold, Suffolk. She was the third daughter of Mr. Thomas Strickland, of Roydon Hall, in that county, and was born early in the century. In her younger days she manifested a taste for poetic composition, and at the age of twelve produced some pages of a romantic chronicle in rhyme entitled "The Red Rose," which was intended to commemorate the fortunes of the House of Lancaster. Three years afterwards she wrote a poem in four cantos, under the title of "Worcester Field; or, the Cavalier." This was soon succeeded by "Demetrius," a tale of Modern Greece. From time to time she made numerous contributions to the literature of the day, some of which were afterwards collected and reprinted as "Historic Scenes and Other Poetic Fancies." She wrote many popular books for young people; and her "Pilgrims of Walsingham" added especially to her reputation. Aided by her sister Elizabeth, she published "Lives of the Queens of England from the Norman Conquest," the first volume of which appeared in 1840 and the last in 1849. This was a work of great labour and of wide research, and brought to the sisters a well-deserved popularity. Agnes and Elizabeth Strickland likewise produced "Lives of the Queens of Scotland and English Princesses Connected with the Royal Succession of Great Britain." In 1862 the deceased authoress published "The Bachelor Kings of England," and this completed her chain of Royal and domestic historical biographies. Other of her productions are "How Will It End?" issued in 1865; "Lives of the Seven Bishops," in the following year; and an abridged edition of the "Queens of England," for the use of schools and families. One of the results of Agnes Strickland's research into original documents was a conviction, after study of the State papers in the General Register Office at Edinburgh, of the innocence of Mary Stuart, which the authoress strenuously maintained. The excellence of her literary work and the unflagging history of her life recommended her to the notice of Mr. Gladstone, in 1871, when she received a Civil List pension of £100 in recognition of her merits. We hope to be able to give a Portrait of Miss Strickland in our next Number.

CHESS.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

All communications relating to this department of the Paper should be addressed to the Editor, &c., and have the word "Chess" written on the outside of the envelope.

A. J.—Accept our best thanks for the games, which shall receive prompt attention.

J. de S.—We regret to say we cannot make any use of your manuscript, which has been returned to you. It would fill three of our columns.

C.B.—1. We have no such list. 2. Address the hon. sec., City and County Chess Club, Dublin. 3. We cannot possibly reply to correspondents by post.

BLACK WATCH.—We shall endeavour to carry out your suggestion shortly.

PROBLEMS RECEIVED FROM C. DUKE, F. DE BOER, and Professor Newcomb (Washington).

F. C. Richmond.—We cannot assist you unless you can give us the date of publication. The problem has not appeared in our columns this year.

Nemo is desirous of a game by correspondence. Address, 29, York-terrace, Everton, Liverpool.

PROBLEM No. 1584.—Additional correct solutions received from D. A. D. J. Kelly, L. L. F. R. W. W. W. A. G. M. Le Vale, J. B. (O'Leary), Janie's Young Man, Peter J. Ramsay.

PROBLEM No. 1585.—Correct solutions received from F. H. (Hawick), Kingston Mark, Kalaf, E. S. J. G. C. W. B. W., Emile F. J. E. A. (Diss), M. P., R. S. W., Reckal, J. C. K., and J. C. A. large number of correspondents have attempted to solve this Problem by 1. R to Q 8th, and 1. R to Q 8th. They apparently overlook the fact that in the former case Black can protect the mate beyond two moves by 1. P to K 4th, and in the latter by 1. E takes P.

PROBLEM No. 1586.—Correct solutions received from R. D. T. J. G. C. Reckal, Beginner, "Labor omnia vincit," Hawthorne, J. C. K. Le Val, H. Lawson, Bosworth, Awood, G. Thompson, C. Duke, Janie's Young Man, Queen's Knight, Barrow Hedges, D. G. E., Wee Me, St. Clair, W. L. W., Physic, A. Bursleigh, J. Kelly, Charles G. J. E. A. (Diss), A. M. W. B. W. B. W. S. B., W. Airey, R. v. H. B. B., Evie, T. W., Alice May, Pigs, and Moniaive.

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM No. 1585.

WHITE. BLACK. WHITE. BLACK.

1. Q to Q Kt sq. Anything. 2. Mates accordingly.

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM No. 1586.

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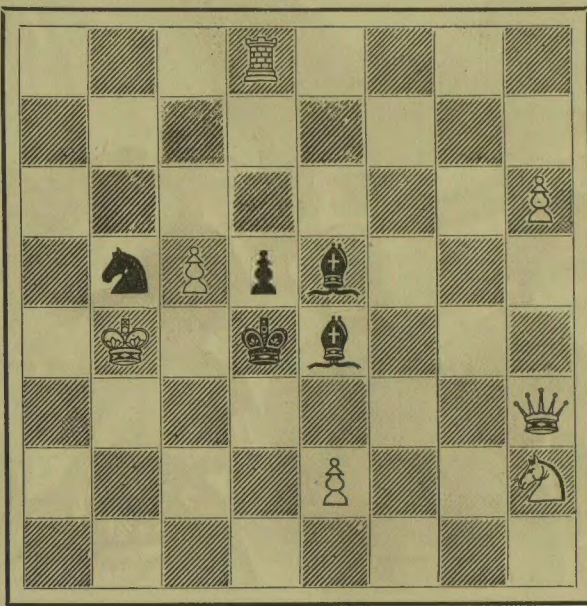
1. Q to Q R sq. Anything. 2. K or Kt mates.

PROBLEM No. 1587.

The subjoined Problem formed one of the set to which was awarded the first prize of £25 in the B. C. A. Tournament.

Motto.—"Look after the Caby."

BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play, and mate in three moves.

CHESS IN LANCASHIRE.

The following is one of the Games in the Match between the Chess Clubs of Manchester and Liverpool, which took place in April last. The competitors were Mr. J. SEUL of Liverpool and Mr. H. STEINKUHLER of Manchester.—(Giuoco Piano.)

WHITE (Mr. Seul). BLACK (Mr. Steinkuhler).

1. P to K 4th. P to K 4th.

2. Kt to K B 3rd. Kt to Q B 3rd.

3. B to Q B 4th. B to Q B 4th.

4. P to Q B 3rd. Kt to K B 3rd.

5. Castles. Kt takes P.

Black's best move, according to the German authorities. He may play, however, 5. P to Q 3rd without disadvantage.

6. P to Q 4th. P to Q 4th.

This, again, is the coup juste. The New Berlin Schachzeitung gives also, 6. P takes P, and continues—

7. P takes P. B to K 2nd (best).

8. P to Q 5th. Kt to Q Kt sq.

9. B to K sq. P takes P.

7. B to Q Kt 5th. P takes P.

8. Kt takes P.

The Handbuch makes White play 8. Kt to K 5th; but the move in the text seems to be equally good.

9. P takes B. B takes Kt.

10. P to K B 3rd. Kt to K B 3rd.

11. B to K Kt 5th. P to Q R 3rd.

12. B to Q R 4th. P to Q 3rd.

13. Q to Q 2nd. P to Q Kt 4th.

14. B to Q Kt 3rd. Kt to K 2nd.

15. Kt to Q B 3rd. P to Q B 3rd.

16. B to K B 4th. Q to Q sq.

17. P to Q R 3rd. Kt to K Kt 3rd.

18. B to K Kt 3rd. K Kt to K R 4th.

19. B to K B 2nd. P to K B 4th.

20. K to R sq. P to K B 5th.

21. Kt to K 4th. K to R sq.

22. Kt to Q B 5th. B to K B 4th.

23. Q R to B sq. P to Q R 2nd.

24. B to Q B 2nd. P to Q R 4th.

25. Kt to Q 3rd. B takes Kt.

We question the policy of this exchange of Pieces, which appears to us to throw away all the advantage of position that Black has acquired. The Bishop in such a position is surely a far more valuable piece than the Knight, which at the present moment cannot be brought advantageously into play.

26. B takes B. P to Q 3rd.

27. R to Q B 5th. P to Q 5th.

28. K R to Q B sq. R to Q R 3rd.

The Rook obviously cannot be played to Q 2nd, on account of 29. B takes Q Kt P.

29. Q to Q B 2nd. R to K B 3rd.

30. B to K B 5th. Kt to K 2nd.

Evidently a slip; overlooking the fact that he could not retake the Pawn with the Queen.

44. B to K Kt 4th. K R to K 2nd.

45. B to K R 5th. R tks Q R (ch).

46. B to K R 5th. Kt to Q B 5th.

47. R takes R. R to K 2nd.

48. Q to Q B 3rd. R to K 7th.

49. R to Q sq. P takes P.

50. P to Q Kt 3rd. P to K 2nd.

51. Q takes P. P to Q R 4th.

52. P to Q R 4th.

Evidently a slip; overlooking the fact that he could not retake the Pawn with the Queen.

53. Q to Q Kt 8th. P takes P.

54. P to K Kt 3rd. Kt to Q 7th.

55. P takes P. P to Q R 6th.

56. Q takes P. P takes P.

57. Q takes Q. Q to K Kt 4 (ch).

58. P to K B 4th. P takes B.

59. K takes R. Kt to Q Kt 6th.

60. P takes P. P to Q R 7th.

A hasty move, which throws away victory when just within his grasp. Unless we mistake, 60. Kt to K Kt 3rd, before advancing the Rook's Pawn, would have won easily.

61. B to K 8th. P to Q R 8th (queening).

62. R takes Q. Kt takes R.

63. B takes P.

and the game was abandoned as a drawn battle.

CHESS INTELLIGENCE.

TESTIMONIAL TO MR. LOWENTHAL.—We are glad to hear that a subscription has been set on foot for the purpose of presenting Mr. Lowenthal with a suitable testimonial, in recognition of his long and valuable services to the cause of chess during his residence in this country. An influential committee of noblemen and gentlemen well known in the chess world has been formed for the purpose of carrying out the undertaking, which we are satisfied only requires to be more generally known to ensure a hearty response from all sections of the chess-playing community. Few men have worked more zealously and assiduously in the interests of chess than Mr. Lowenthal, and chess, as we all know, is a thankless and unprofitable pursuit. Subscriptions will be received by Mr. T. Hampton, of the St. George's Chess Club, 22, King-street, St. James's.

BLINDFOLD CHESS.—On Wednesday, July 8, Herr Zukertort undertook the task of conducting ten games simultaneously, without seeing the board or men, against ten strong amateurs of the City of London Chess Club. After a late sitting all the games were adjourned until the following Friday, the result being that Herr Zukertort won five games, drew four, and lost one only. The score was as follows:—Bode (lost), Gasteneau (lost), Gredy (lost), Humphreys (lost), Rosenbaum (lost), Coburn (won), Ballard (drawn), Down (drawn), Humphreys (drawn), Maitland (drawn).

WILLS AND BEQUESTS.

The will, dated Dec. 18, 1871, of the Most Noble Arthur, fifth Marquis of Downshire, late of No. 24, Belgrave-square, of Easthampstead Park, Berks, and of Hillsborough Castle, in the county of Down, Ireland, who died on March 31 last, was proved on the 9th inst. by Lord Arthur William Hill, the brother, one of the executors; power to come in and prove hereafter being reserved to the deceased's widow, the other executor named in the will. The personal estate is sworn under £140,000. The testator gives to his wife, Georgiana Elizabeth, Marchioness of Downshire, £10,000 sterling, in addition to her jointure of £5000 per annum secured by settlement; and the residue of his property to his younger children, in augmentation of their fortunes. In the event of there being no younger children, the whole is to go to his son and heir.

The will, as contained in two papers marked A and B, both dated Nov. 19, 1873, of Louisa Catherine, Duchess Dowager of Leeds (widow of the seventh Duke of Leeds), late of Hornby Castle, Yorkshire, who died on April 8 last, at the Convent, St. Leonards-on-Sea, was proved on the 4th inst. by the Hon. and Right Rev. William Joseph Hugh Clifford, the Right Rev. James Danell, Lord Howard of Glossop, Simon Thomas Scrope, Sir John Lawson, Bart., and Henry James Stonor, the acting executors, the personal estate being sworn under £80,000. The testatrix bequeaths 200 gs. to each of her executors; her topaz set to Lady Alice Susan Godolphin Osborne; an annuity of £50 to her late house steward, Robert Kyle; an annuity of £100 to her late maid, Elizabeth Duncan Campbell; £5000 to Archbishop Manning and the Rev. J. D. R. Butler and the Rev. Walter Richards, upon trust, to be applied for the maintenance, support, and education of young men studying for holy orders in the Roman Catholic Church; to the orphanage for boys, founded by her at Mayfield, Sussex, all the household and church furniture and effects, farming stock and implements in and about the said orphanage, a pecuniary legacy of £10,000, and the further sum of £500 to build an entrance lodge; to the orphanage for girls, founded by her at Bletchingley, Sussex, all the furniture and effects, farming stock and implements in and about such orphanage, and £1000 to build an entrance lodge. The furniture and effects (including certain medals and jewellery) at Hornby Castle are made heirs-looms to pass with the property. All testatrix's real estate is devised to the use of the present Marquis of Carmarthen for life, with remainder to his eldest son. The large real estate of the deceased Duchess in North America is to be sold and the proceeds transmitted to England, and, with the residue of the personality, is to be laid out in the purchase of land to be settled upon similar trusts to her present landed property.

The will and two codicils, dated respectively Nov. 19, April 20, and May 4 last, of William Dunville, late of No. 37, Eaton-square, No. 54, Prince's-gate, and of South Warren, Kingston-hill, Surrey, who died on May 18, were proved on the 3rd inst. by Mrs. Anne Georgina Dunville, the widow, Robert Grimshaw Dunville, the nephew, and William Henry Domville, the executors, the personal estate being sworn under £250,000. The testator leaves to his wife his residence at South Warren, the household furniture and effects at Prince's-gate, and a pecuniary legacy of £105,000, in addition to a rent-charge of £1000, already settled on her; to his niece Annie Evans Gordon, a rent-charge of £1000 per annum, to be increased to £2000 at the death of Mrs. Dunville; and the residue of his property to his said nephew, Mr. R. G. Dunville.

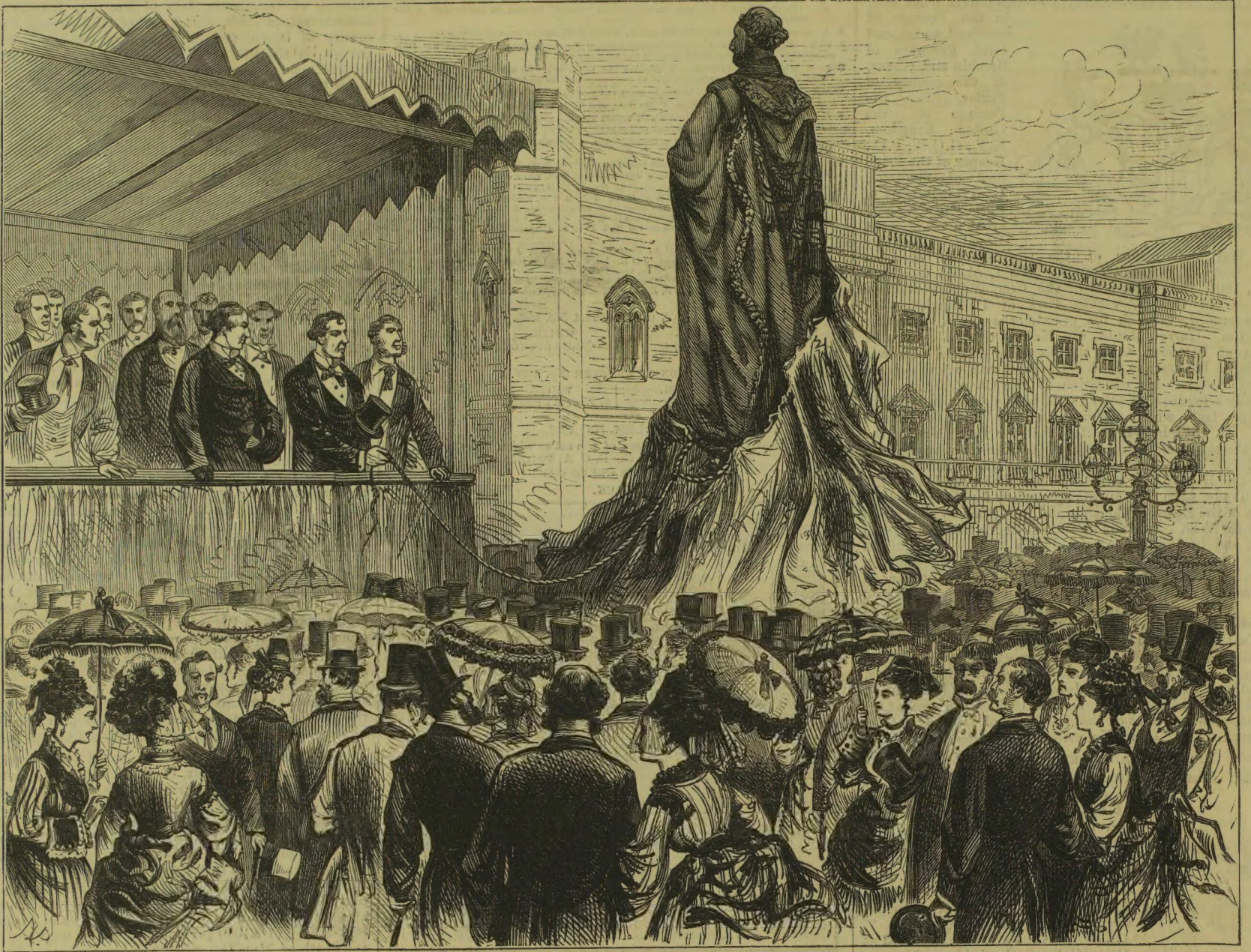
The will and codicil, dated August, 1862, and Feb. 11, 1870, of Miss Henrietta de la Garde Strong, formerly of North Lodge, Hampton, but late of the Oaks, Colchester, who died on May 8 last, were proved, on the 2nd inst. by Frederic John Keeling and Edmund Henry Ellis, the surviving executors, the personal estate being sworn under £30,000. After giving various legacies, testatrix bequeaths the income of the residue to her mother, Mrs. Charlotte Bridget Strong, for life; and, at her death, £1000 to the Rector and churchwardens of the parish of St. Michael, Myland, Colchester, upon trust, to expend nine tenths of the dividends in assisting the poorest of the sick and old residents of such parish, and in the purchase, every third year, of blankets, to be distributed among the resident poor of the said parish; the other one tenth of the dividends is to go to Mary Newsom and Sophia Nevard in succession, and ultimately for the same purpose as the nine tenths. To the Essex and Colchester Hospital, the Clergy Orphan Corporation, the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, and the Society for Promoting the Employment of Additional Curates in Populous Places, £300 each; and to the Female Servants' Training School, Wells-street, Bath; the Clergy Provident Society; the Hospital for Incurables, Putney; and the Cripples' Home, Hill-street, Dorset-square, £200 each. All the legacies are given free of duty. The residuary legatees are testatrix's sister, Anna Philippa King, and her cousin, Anne Maude.

The will, dated Oct. 9, 1871, of Sir George Stamp Robinson, late of Cranford Hall, Northamptonshire, who died Oct. 9 last at Cheadle, was proved on the 4th ult. by Sir John Blencowe Robinson, Bart., the son, the acting executor, the personality being sworn under £12,000. Subject to some legacies, testator's said son takes the whole of the property. The testator gives a sum, not exceeding £200, sufficient to purchase and put up in the tower of the church of the parish of Cranford a clock, having two dial-plates—one turning to the south and the other to the east—with his name and title and the date of his birth and death in large and legible letters and figures round the rim.

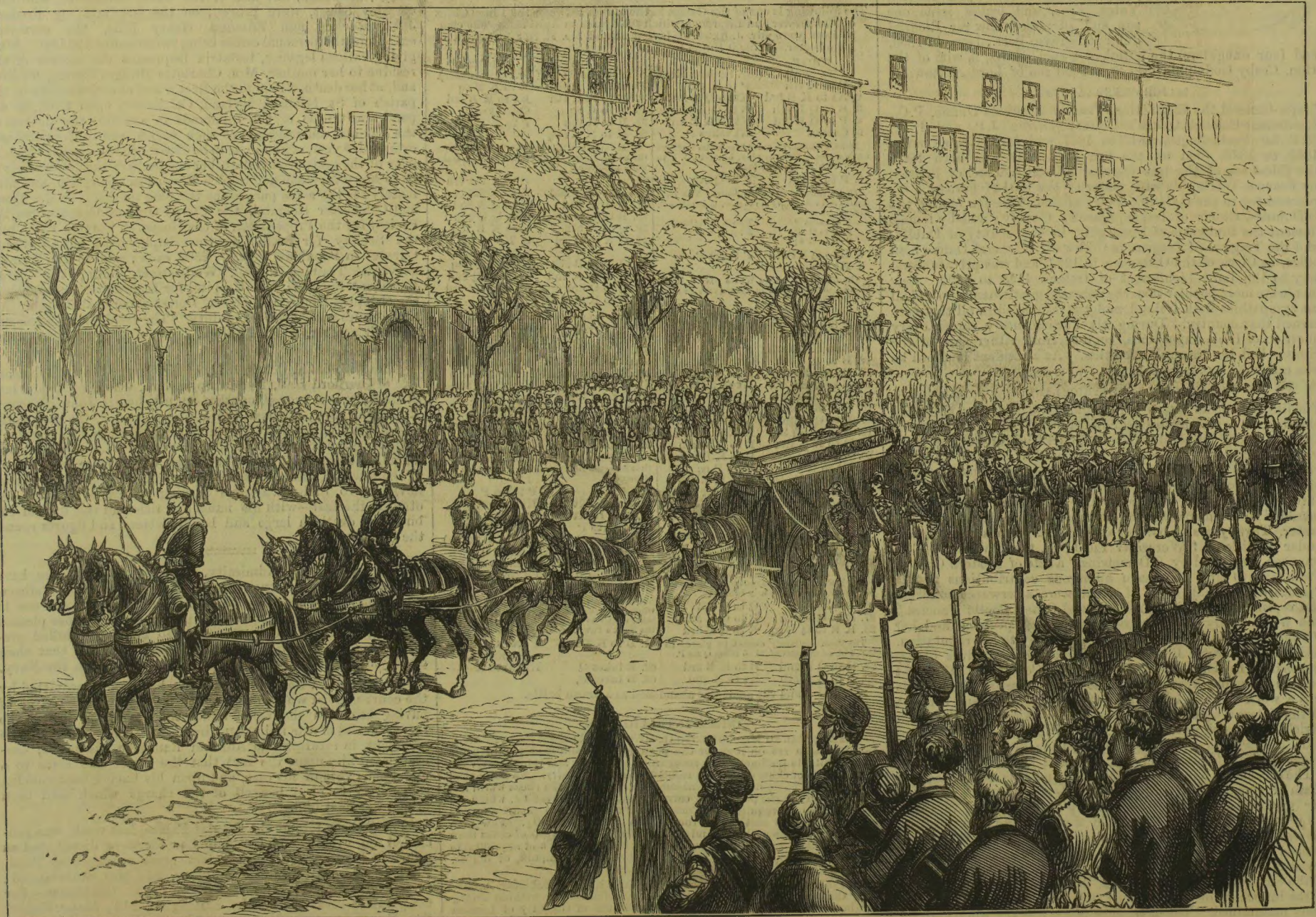
The Lords of the Admiralty, according to the Times, have sent a handsome acknowledgment to Sir William Palliser, informing him of the adoption of his armour bolts for use in the ironclad navy. Their Lordships have been further pleased to intimate that the Palliser converted guns and chilled projectiles continue to maintain their efficiency, and that their employment is annually becoming more extended in the Navy.

Rear-Admiral Randolph has been honourably acquitted by the court-martial which has been trying him on the charge of having hazarded the ships under his command during the recent cruise of the flying squadron. Sir Henry Keppel, the president, in returning to Admiral Randolph his sword, congratulated him upon the fact that the Court had come to a unanimous vote in his case, and upon his having been enabled so entirely to clear himself of the charge which had been brought against him.

The archery fête at the Crystal Palace, last week, was concluded on Friday. The principal prizes were distributed as follows:—Ladies—For the greatest gross score, Mrs. Pond, £10; Miss Croker, £8; Mrs. Mayhew, £6; Mrs. Stillwell, £5; Mrs. Marshall, £4; Miss Hutchinson, £3. Gentlemen—For the greatest gross score, Mr. Rimington, £10; Major Fisher, £8; Mr. Henty, £6; Mr. Sagar, £5; Mr. Betham, £4; Major Lewin, £3. Extra prizes—For the greatest gross score, Mr. Friar, Mr. Garnett, Mr. Tulman; best gold, Mr. Longman; greatest number of hits, Mr. Coulson. On Friday there was a subscription handicap, in which only few archers took part.



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